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PJ = Pam Jensen

RR = Robert Rassier

(background noise until 0:01:21)

PJ It's seven o'clock, July 30, 29748, 91st Avenue, St. Joseph Township, the Robert Rassier residence.

(0:02:45)

PJ Hi, puppy. How are you? Huh, how are you?

(0:03:14)

PJ Good morning.

RR Morning.

PJ Pam Jensen with the Sheriff's Department. Robert?

RR Yeah.

PJ Yeah I just I want (inaudible) and I thing I've talked to Dan before, but I haven't sho-I haven't talked to you before.

RR Uh-huh.

PJ Dan is the one I've talked to in the past, is-is Dan around today?

RR No he's gone to school already.

PJ Oh he is, okay, is Rita here?

RR H-just sleeping yet, she has a day-this is the day she don't have to get up early.

PJ Oh, okay, can I just talk to you for a minute (inaudible)...

RR Sure, come on in.

PJ Oh, I don't want to wake Rita up though.

RR Pardon?

PJ I didn't want to wake Rita up.

RR Well, I don't know, well, what is this about?

PJ Um, well you know, Patty has talked to you and Dan in the last six months...

RR Yes she was here...

PJ ...and, yeah and she told me that she thought that maybe after talking to your guys that since this is the abduction site of Jacob that maybe you guys would let us run some dogs through the yard.

RR After all these years...

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PJ I know, but there's-there's what they call cadaver dogs that can maybe find bones. Evidently Dan-when she ha-when Patty had talked to Dan earlier, he said well you know the only thing he could think is if somebody would have dragged Jacob into the trees somewhere, into the field somewhere, and, (sigh) you know-I know we've talked to you guys in the past and it would be just nice to say okay we did that, the property's clear, we-we can't find anything, the cadaver dogs went through, um...

RR This is so absurd.

PJ I know. But if-if you look at the fact that we still have a missing boy. And he did end up getting taken from the end of the driveway...

RR Sure.

PJ ...you know, um, we were hoping that sometime somebody would maybe woulda found him, a hunter or something...

RR (inaudible)

PJ ...through the years.

RR That would be something if they could actually, if he would be alive...

PJ Yeah.

RR ...(inaudible).

PJ But even if he was-even if he's deceased it would be nice for the family to be able to say Jacob's gone...

RR Yeah.

PJ ...we can bury him...

RR Yeah.

PJ ...um because they just don't know and they see these other things on T.V. like how all the sudden after 20 years one of these kids shows up and...

RR Um-hm.

PJ ...um, and the reason I'm here so early, Robert is because if we do have the dogs come out this morning, they work better when it's cooler.

RR Okay.

PJ Um, I don't know what kind of dogs, I'm not a dog person, ah you-you would probably know dogs, so I...

RR No I don't know much about dogs, we just have Cassie here...

PJ Um-hm.

RR ...she-she is ah, not a watchdog...

PJ Um-hm.

RR ...she's-she's everybody's friend.

PJ Um-hm.

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RR (slight laugh)

PJ Yeah, I talked to her a little bit when I pulled up, because you never know with farm dogs. Um, so-so that's kinda what I'm asking for.

RR I'm sure Rita would not object to that, 'cuz what have we got to hide...?

PJ I know...

RR ...you know?

PJ I mean I know that you guys have been cooperative, and I know there's been some frustration with this...

RR If Dan was, if Dan was a-a nervous type that could have ruined his life.

PJ Um-hm. Yeah.

RR And the-they-actually even taking picture of him when he went to school today, eve-all the kids know his car, and...

PJ Um-hm.

RR ...and they...

PJ (inaudible) Channel 9 was done there you mean?

RR Yes...

PJ Yeah.

RR ...I think that they're cruel. Really cruel.

PJ Um-hm. Well that's all media people can be.

RR Yeah.

PJ Um...

RR I-I send 'em out of the yard one day.

PJ Um-hm.

RR It just got me so angry...

PJ Um-hm.

RR ...and frustrated that that Channel 11...

PJ Well we wouldn't let, if we have our dogs search around here with these dog handlers...

RR Well that's different...

PJ ...we wouldn't let the Times in, or we wouldn't let any media in and I would have somebody at the driveway and say that can't come in.

RR Yeah.

PJ I mean, um, I would need you to sign something saying that we are-we could check your property...

RR Yeah.

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PJ Um, we wouldn't come into your house, we would like to go into the buildings...

RR Yes...

PJ ...if any of them would have, any cellars or wells or anything that somebody, no? Or?

RR Well we got two wells in the milk house.

PJ Okay.

RR Yeah.

PJ Would they be open from the top then or?

RR No.

PJ No, okay.

RR They're both ah, ah, drilled wells.

PJ Um-hm.

RR And the one was ah, a open well, but for Grade A milk we had to enclose it with cement.

PJ Okay.

RR And have just that pipe going down.

PJ Um-hm.

RR So that-it-it-, there's nothing you can open up.

PJ Okay. So if the dogs, see the dogs they smell for bones and such...

RR Yeah.

PJ ...and what kind of animals did you have on this farm in the past?

RR Ah, just cows and chickens, and horses...

PJ Cows and chickens and...

RR ...my daughter-in-law had the horses here for a quite a few years...

PJ Okay, so there wouldn't be any pigs buried anywhere...

RR Nope.

PJ ...or nothing?

RR No...

PJ Okay.

RR ...no pigs.

PJ When's the last time we've had cows here? How many years?

RR 1987.

PJ 1987.

RR And the horses were here until about...

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PJ But we wouldn't have buried any horses anywhere?

RR No.

PJ No, okay. Cows coulda gone down, coulda some of those been buried?

RR Cows were always taken to the rendering plant.

PJ Okay, so there wouldn't be any cows?

RR No.

PJ Okay, um...

RR Horses, well, probably in the 30's or in the 40's we used to drag a horse when it died way down in the-in the meadow, but that's 50-60 years ago.

PJ Okay, and when you say meadow you mean...

RR In the lowland down there.

PJ Down behind the barns?

RR Just beyond the chicken barn, there's a driveway that goes down and around a corner, it goes down to the lowland.

PJ Okay.

RR That's...

PJ Back around, okay.

RR And there's a gravel pit down there...

PJ And you say there's a road...

RR (inaudible) did this investigation, I think it was-was it right after that when-we-we were in Europe when this happened...

PJ Um-hm.

RR ...that's why Dan was such a-a-a, when they found out that he was home alone...

PJ I...

RR ...that's when they really...

PJ Yep, interested, yep.

RR Ah, they came with two big ah what do you call it, ah...

PJ Bobcats or...?

RR ...not bulldozer, but ah, front end loaders and they went down to the gravel pit and the scooped up ground and dumped it right on, on-we used to put our garbage down there...

PJ Oh, okay.

RR ...and dumped it right on there, it was so stupid.

PJ (inaudible)...

RR Never asked us or nothing.

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PJ Right.

RR They came with these two big-Michigan loaders.

PJ Okay.

RR Scooped up gravel, well if there was evidence there, they covered it up.

PJ Okay, so that's just, that's right behind that chicken barn right there?

RR No it's way down (inaudible).

PJ Oh, okay. Well the only thing I was thinkin' if the dogs would go...

RR Right...

PJ Okay.

RR ...right where them trees are (inaudible).

PJ Okay. But how do you usually get there if you get there?

RR Well it's-it's just a road going right down there.

PJ Okay. Um...

RR Goes right there along the corn.

PJ Okay.

RR (inaudible) beyond the chicken barn, that just goes around the chicken barn.

PJ So you just follow-go by the chicken barn and then there's a road back there?

RR (inaudible) follow that road...

PJ Okay.

RR ...south there.

PJ Um...

RR Yeah. No, I'm sure...

PJ Is Dan-is Dan at work?

RR He said he's got a lot to do today because tonight they're coming to get the stuff out for the Fourth of July (inaudible), and I asked him to be here to help.

PJ Okay.

RR Move the stuff out that's stored out in our chicken barn.

PJ Okay.

RR All the stands you know.

PJ Okay. Um...

RR But he'll be home tonight at six o'clock.

(short pause)

PJ What I got, and when Rita gets up I'll need her to sign that, but, but don't wait...

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RR I could call her.

PJ I don't want you to wake her up though. Where she usually work, where's she work-whe-...

RR Well she does a lot of volunteer work.

PJ Ah...

RR And-and ah, today she'll work this afternoon.

PJ Okay.

RR She does more volunteer work...

PJ Okay.

RR ....(inaudible) today she works for the Treasure Chest from two to six...

PJ Oh okay.

RR ...(inaudible)...

PJ So it's the tenth and what exactly is the address here again?

RR Ah, 29748...

PJ 29748, 91st Avenue, right?

RR Yes.

(short pause)

PJ Let's see...

(short pause)

PJ Okay, so what I'd like to search is-with the dogs, there's two ladies, they have three dogs, nine outbuildings which are just the out ones, and the address of th-of your address, 29748 91st Avenue St. Joseph, this just says that you have the right to refuse at anytime, um, to complete-we're not gonna do um, persons or vehicles, we're just gonna do, the address, um, and if you agree with that, you understand what we're doing, that we're gonna bring the dogs in, they're gonna have um, they have a handler and then they have a-a guy walk with them and then if they hit on something they have these-these probes, like these sticks, and they punch in the ground a little bit, and then they come back, and they go over with the dogs again, and if they get two dog hits and they feel like they can tell there's a difference in the ground, then we have some guys that we'll just bring in some shovels. You've seen on T.V. haven't ya?

RR No, no.

PJ Haven't ya?

RR Huh-uh.

PJ Okay, so, um...

RR I think this whole thing is absurd.

PJ I know, but, you got to put yourself in our, our position as the people trying to help them find their son, if this can clear this property, it can clear us coming and talking to Robert and Dan and

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Rita, I think it would be better to get that over with then to always wonder if we're gonna come back and want to search again and again. You know what I mean?

RR They've done that so often already.

PJ Yeah. So, this is just another tool that they use is these cadaver dogs.

RR Even put him under what they it, took him to the Cities and put him under hypnosis...

PJ Yeah that was right when it happened, they tried to get some information on the-on the plate. Um, so you under...

RR This is not gonna end, I-I-I know if they find something, that there might be something, they'll be back again.

PJ If they found something related to Jacob, it would end up being a little bit, of course, there would be more searches right in that area...

RR How could they find anything that would be connected with Jacob?

PJ Well if they found Jacob's shoe or something like that. You know?

RR After all these years?

PJ Well the shoe would be-the shoe would still be there, bones would still be there. They, you know...

RR Yeah...

PJ Yeah...

RR ...of course if they knew-they don't know for sure if he was taken here or somewhere else.

PJ Right and like-like even when they talked to Dan, you know, Patty said she talked to Dan, like Dan said, just because he-Jacob could be on our property doesn't mean that Dan took him, it just means that he got taken here, somebody took him, you know...

RR Yeah.

PJ ...they're obviously in your yard, whoever took Jacob is obviously at the end of your driveway or something waiting for the kids, I mean, they might not be down here, but obviously they were trespassing on your property, 'cuz what were they doing on your driveway to take 'em...

RR They were waiting for them to come back...

PJ Right.

RR ...from the...

PJ Yeah so I mean so it's not just-for some reason they picked your driveway...

RR Yeah.

PJ ...so they're from the area...

RR But they got him out of the ditch, they didn't get 'em out of the driveway.

PJ No, but the-the guy that took 'em was in the-came from the driveway, walking down into the ditch.

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RR And the dogs came right after that point where the car had been.

PJ Yeah. So. We can talk about it a million ways and we can sure talk...

RR I know.

PJ ...about more, so, um...

RR What time is it...?

PJ So it's...

RR ...I go to Mass...

PJ Okay, it's 7:14...

RR Yeah, I leave at 7:30.

PJ Okay. So, I'll put 7:14, so do you understand what I'm saying here...

RR Yeah, I understand.

PJ ...about the search? Okay.

RR I understand.

PJ Okay.

RR But I still think it's all crazy.

PJ Okay, so...

RR Don't repeat what I said.

PJ No, I will not.

RR (slight laugh)

PJ No. And I appreciate that you're being cooperative, I know that you're-been frustrated with our department in the past, but, we honestly are just trying to come up with an answer...

RR That's probably the reason they came here, to visit.

PJ Who's that?

RR That Patty and...

PJ Oh yeah, you can just put it down there.

RR It-it probably had been in their mind already.

(short pause)

PJ I think that-that you guys had a nice visit though didn't you?

RR Yes we did.

PJ Yeah. I mean I know that she said you guys were wonderful people.

RR Well she even brought some cookies along.

PJ Yeah she said that you were wonderful. Um, you-you might have to just explain this little bit to Rita if you're gonna go to Mass, so I don't want her to be upset when you're gone if we're here.

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RR Oh, maybe-maybe I should call her.

PJ Yeah, you know what I mean because if you leave and then all the sudden we're here...

RR Oh is that gonna do today?

PJ Yeah, we're gonna do it this morning...

RR Oh, okay.

PJ Okay.

RR Why don't you come in?

PJ Okay.

(short pause)

RR She's gonna be upset I know.

PJ I know.

RR Have a chair.

PJ Okay.

(0:14:45 – 0:16:17 background/pause)

RR I told her all about what's happening...

PJ Um-hm.

RR And she-I think she-she didn't want to come down, she-

PJ Okay. In her pajamas, yep.

RR Now if I told her-if ah she hears something and-and there's dogs in the yard and everything...

PJ Okay.

RR ...she'll know about it, she'll be down.

PJ Okay, and then I'll just talk to her later and have her...

RR Yeah.

PJ ...sign that later, okay. Okay.

RR I think that's the best, she doesn't want to come down...

PJ No, she doesn't need to, but I just didn't want to scare here, I didn't want her...

RR Yeah.

PJ ...her to think that we-I don't want to cause any undue stress for you and Rita, okay?

RR Pardon?

PJ I don't want to cause any undue stress for you and Rita, this isn't intended to cause you...

RR It bothers her more than me.

PJ Yeah.

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RR And I'm glad it doesn't bother Dan as much...

PJ Um-hm. You know as-as frustrated as you are, but that's what we're trying to do is find Jacob and I really appreciate you and your wife-you know-appreciating that Patty and Jerry...

RR Yeah.

PJ ...have this...

RR They-they want peace of mind, too...

PJ Yeah.

RR ...and I-I understand that. We lost a daughter once (inaudible) she had a heart operation...

PJ Um, okay.

RR ...in 1966 and was hard to lose her to, even nobody knew what was happening.

PJ Okay.

RR So. When will they come do you know?

PJ I'm gonna call 'em now. They're over by ah, they're in Waite Park, these-these ladies came um, from St. Louis in Missouri.

RR Oh, maybe I shouldn't go to church this morning?

PJ Well you can go to church, 'cuz it will take for, this type of thing will be going on all-all morning.

RR Okay.

PJ I mean it's a very slow process...

RR Yeah.

PJ ...um, the only thing I wonder about is, could we put your dog in the garage or something, or in the barn?

RR We'll get her in the house.

PJ Okay.

RR Probably get her in the basement.

PJ I mean I guess I don't want her to be...

RR No she'll follow everybody.

PJ And then those other dogs might not like that...

RR Yeah.

PJ ...so, um-

RR Cassie, we better take-look she spilled her dog food...

PJ Yeah.

RR She's-she'd not happy that I wasn't with her this morning...

PJ Ah...

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RR ... she went and spilled her dog food...

PJ ...really?

RR I went and took a shower and...

PJ Ah...

RR ...went to the milk house and put her dog food out there and she just dumped it-Cassie, Cassie (slight laugh).

PJ Is she used to going in the house or?

RR Oh yeah.

PJ Oh, okay.

RR She stays in the basement at night.

PJ Oh, okay, okay, alright. Well why don't you put her in the basement now before you go to church then, and then I'll go call those ladies and, they-I'm gonna make sure that nobody comes down here, so I'm gonna have a car down there and then she's not gonna let anybody down her because at-sometimes those um snoopy news people, I don't need them going down here so...

RR Oh that's something we don't want...

PJ I'm gonna let anybody down here when they do that.

RR That's good.

PJ Because if we're gonna do it, we might as well do it right so we can tell everybody that we did the search the right way and that way you guys can say we cooperated and everything went smoothly, we don't need anybody saying that somebody tried to interfere with it, or, anything like that.

RR Yeah.

PJ So, okay?

RR Okay. Come on Cassie.

PJ And if you have any questions, you come to me when this is going on okay?

RR Sure.

PJ Okay.

RR Come on Cassie (inaudible).

PJ Okay.

(0:19:11-0:20:14 background/pause)

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PJ Ah 725 hours.

(background/pause until 0:00:56)

PJ Since Dan lives with you guys here, um, I guess I don't need to have to sign the consent, we'll just get a-a official search warrant paper to have-to do the property because technically we can't really search without all you guys being here. So I'll just do it that way. So it will be the same deal...

RR Well I'll stay home if need be.

PJ No, but I mean I w-I would almost need Dan to be here and I don't want him to come here, it'll just get him upset...

RR He is at school.

PJ ...so we're good. We'll just do the same thing, but I'll just have a different warrant process, um...

RR We coulda got a hold of him in school.

PJ No, that's okay, I got-I called my-one of the guys I work with and he said we'll just do it that way we already have the paperwork from...

RR Okay.

PJ ...the judge saying we can do it, I just wanted...

RR Okay.

PJ ...I wanted to make it so you felt better about it and we felt better with a-with a relationship rather than just say we're gonna do it, I wanted to talk to you about it.

RR Um-hm.

PJ You know I wanted to let you know that that's the way we're gonna do it so this...

RR (inaudible)

PJ ...yeah, the dogs aren't here yet, but they-they-we all left from St. Jose-or Waite Park, so.

RR Okay.

PJ But no you can come back, we'll-you'll be able to see and I'll explain it to you as we go when you come back from Mass. 'Cuz it-we'll be here all afternoon, so.

RR Really?

PJ Yeah, well, it depends on if the dogs find anything...

RR Okay.

PJ ...let's put it that way.

RR Yeah.

RS/13

PJ If they hit on your cow bones or something.

RR I doubt they find that after all these years...

PJ Yep.

RR ...I don't think so.

PJ I could tell-I'll introduce you to these guys though, you want?

RR Pardon?

PJ You want me to introduce you to these two guys...

RR Sure, sure.

PJ Okay.

(pause)

PJ This is Shane and Kenny. Robert.

?? Sir.

RR (inaudible)

?? I'm sorry, we'll step over here.

?? Nice to meet you (inaudible).

?? Good morning.

RR Good morning.

PJ And Robert was telling me a little about the only animals they had on this farm was cows and they buried them behind, if you take this-by the chicken coop and you back by the gravel pit there's a road, right?

RR But that would be at least 60-70 years ago.

?? Oh wow, that's a...

RR After that we always went-used the rendering plant.

?? Yeah, well pretty common back then to-to bury them.

RR Yeah. I know we dragged a horse down there once for sure. But that's at-oh my, that was at least over 60 years ago.

?? If I can ask you one question, the-the property line on the backside there, where is that?

RR Well ah...

?? Is it...

RR The corn field, where the end of the corn field is over here, that's the end of our land there. And down-that whole meadow down there is ours. But the corn field along our driveway where you came in, that cornfield going down that way, does not belong to us, (inaudible)...

?? But that tree line there, that's in your property?

RR Yes it is.

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?? But how deep into that tree line?

RR Ah, ah, let's see, 40, it's 80 acre length, it's 80 acres length here, from the road up there going into the lowland, 80 acre length.

?? Are there any markers back there, like stone pile or anything like that?

RR No...

?? Fence or?

RR There is a surveying marker there, but I don't think you'd find that.

?? Yeah, that'd be tough.

RR Yeah. Well, there's an old fence laying in there too, but I don't think you'd be able to find that. 'Cuz they haven't had cattle down there for maybe 70 years.

?? Wow.

RR 65 years.

?? So you think it's like a hundred yards in there or two hundred or?

RR Pardon?

?? That-how deep the woods is, you're guessing how?

RR I'd say to guess, well I can-one thing I could tell you, that when you-when you get-when you go-down to the gravel pit, and you get down, and now that hay isn't cut yet, ah Bechtholds rent that land, but where they um, where the lowlands starts when you get-when you see where the lowland actually starts-or the swampy stuff, then our ah, our land goes about that far, but that our land goes deeper that way yet. How should I say this.

?? (inaudible) map.

?? Um-hm.

RR (inaudible)

?? He's grabbing a map, that way you won't have to draw in the dirt, although you're a pretty good dirt drawer.

RR Worked with dirt all my life (laughs).

(pause)

RR I was telling the lady, this is so absurd.

?? Well keep in mind, you know, we-we...

RR I know...

?? ...we need you to just cross (inaudible)...

RR ...she explained that to me. Just a-a-waste of waste of money.

?? (inaudible) car here?

RR Waste of money, that's what it is.

(pause)

RS/15

RR Here's our buildings. (inaudible) here is where our land ends, right there.

?? Okay.

RR (inaudible), from this point here, this 40 acre length down to here...

?? And you have this swamp over here too?

RR Yes, um-hm, this land does not belong to us, but down here, right here, our land goes this way. This is our land here. And our land goes this way, again.

?? Okay.

RR Until you hit corn field again. And down here, I can't exactly say how deep in that woods (inaudible).

(pause)

?? This wood line here, it looks like it gets open again on the other side of that?

RR Ah, it's meadow.

?? Okay.

RR It's meadow in there and then (inaudible) they live in Shreveport now, they have 20 acres in there below our land, and then I think a (inaudible)-owns land on the west side of our land here, of that 40, (inaudible) owns (inaudible) her husband has passed away, and then there's two-there's two 20s in here that ah-ah go against our land, I don't know if (inaudible) owns this or not, Browns used to own it. Then here, down here, (inaudible) has land here, goes half way-you know and the other people own the other here, and then (inaudible) land goes down along ours and his goes deeper than ours to the ea-west-east again.

?? Okay.

?? (inaudible)

?? (inaudible) we'll find it, I just was curious. Now, one-one question that the dog handlers had sir was ah, they-they there's some issues with dogs and ashes and you guys burn wood, do you have a particular place where you put the ashes?

RR Yeah right down in the-you'll see that when you drive down there.

?? Right in the gravel pit area?

RR We had a-a building that burnt last June the fourth, and a lot of that ashes are there although we burnt most of the burnt wood that was partly burnt.

?? So it's just down...

RR When you drive down there, go to the lowlands, you just follow this along the corner, there's a driveway right along the corn there...

?? Um-hm.

RR ...and you get to ah-you'll see the road turns you know there's a road goes continues down, you drive down that way to the west-to the east, then you see them cluster of trees there? You'll be driving almost right aside of that, and that's where the ashes will be too.

?? So you just follow that road it'll take you right to it?

RS/16

RR Yeah.

?? Okay. Thank you.

RR And then when you get to the, bottom of that hill, if you go on further and you see where the ah, so hard to explain because they didn't cut hay yet. Then ah...

?? But that's where you put the ashes from that wood burn-for...

RR Yes.

?? ...forever.

RR Yeah, we burnt the wood for, since 1987.

?? You got a fair amount of wood piled up there.

RR I know, we (inaudible) outdoor stove, we burn-heat the house with outdoor stove's in the milk house.

?? You stack all that yourself?

RR Yeah. Gettin' harder.

?? Yeah, it's ah, well stacked, it's not gonna tip over on you.

RR Well sometimes it does. It has happened, but not very often, but certain sections-but ah, yeah I-I-I wish I could you exactly where the line is...

?? It's okay, we'll figure it out...

RR After awhile I'll go down there with ya, I'm-I'm gonna go to church, she said it's okay.

PJ Yeah, you get to church, you better get going, we'll talk to you when you get back.

RR Okay.

(end of tape)

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RR=Rita Rassier

PJ Robert went to church, I'm waiting for my dogs to come here, and ah...

RR (inaudible)

PJ Okay, um, I'll explain it to you how I explained to Robert. Evidently a couple months ago, Patty came and talked to you...

RR Yeah.

PJ ...and she had talked to Dan, and she was talking and Dan and I don't know if you guys had said something if reference to-she'd like us to run these cadaver dogs through the property. Did she bring that up to you guys at all?

RR No.

PJ Okay, um, and Dan and her evidently it must have been her and Dan more so talked about having these dogs, if we could get 'em to come up from they're actually coming from Connecticut or Missouri, and they're like bone sniffing dogs, the thought process being that, like Dan had told Patty who-if somebody came on your property and took Jacob they could have took Jacob on your property without you or Dan or your husband knowing that, so, the-Patty and Jerry and law enforcement always thought well maybe if we ever could get these dogs up we'd run these dogs through the property to see if they would sniff on any bones, and the reason we went in there is we had to check to see if there's any dirt floors in any of the buildings. 'Cuz were gonna let the dogs go through the whole property, make sure there isn't anything that the dogs (inaudible), there's two ladies with three dogs, um, some people believe the dogs can help, some p-people believe the dogs couldn't find somebody after 20 years, I'm not a dog person, it's just a resource...

RR The silo's got dirt floors.

PJ Okay, so then the dogs, if the dogs would hit thinking that maybe you guys had a-a downed animal like in the barn under a dirt floor, like say a cow died and they got buried or a bone...

RR (inaudible)

PJ ...that's what we're checking to see, yeah, so, um, these ladies are gonna come out with their dogs, and they're gonna go through the property, what they do is they'll...

RR Through the corn fields and the woods and everything?

PJ Not the corn fields, just the...

RR Well the corn field is part of the property...

PJ Right, I mean, they'll go through like the building all around the buildings, they'll go over by your gravel pit, they'll go over, you know right around here where there isn't-obviously if Jacob-if whoever took Jacob through him in the field, it's been plowed for 20 years...

RR Yeah.

PJ Yeah. So they don't need to do the field portion of it. Um. I know that this...

Rs/18

RR This nightmare is all going over again.

PJ I know. I know it's tough for you, but you what if we get this search done, that they can say we took these nationally known dogs to this...

RR Why didn't you do that 20 years ago?

PJ Yeah, I don't know why they didn't. Um.

RR I don't believe this.

PJ It's-it's just something that the parents and law enforcement need to say that we searched the property again. We searched 'em with these dogs that supposedly can smell...

RR It would have been nice if Wetterlings would have called us first.

PJ But see they wouldn't know, that when we came out here...

RR Oh.

PJ ...because we can't tell them...

RR Oh.

RR ...um, you know, they came and they talked to you guys and I don't know what-what, she said it went wonderful she thought you were wonderful people, she talked to Dan, evidently she ran into Dan at her workplace down in Midtown Square and Dan brought up again to her that well if they would have been on here you guys would know about it but yeah they coulda dragged him off into somewhere that night here. Um, and that's the-that's why we're here, we're gonna make sure one more time with these dogs that-like I said they're from out of state, they're gonna come in here and they're gonna have guys with 'em, and they're gonna have sticks, probing sticks, and if the dogs sniff on something, this is how they explained it to me at work, I don't know much about dogs, then these people will poke holes in the ground and then they'll bring another dog over and if that dog hits on something then they'll do, they'll take some shovels and they'll dig a little bit and then they'll move one, and that's why I wanted to know what kind of animals could be possibly buried here, in case the dogs would hit on animals.

RR The only thing would be chickens.

PJ Yeah, and that would be from the chicken house?

RR Yeah see we-we, at first we didn't have an incinerator when we had the chickens, but, they were-that was long before Jacob, we quite our chickens in 1981...

PJ Um-hm.

RR So.

PJ I mean I know that-I know that it's a-it's very bothersome for you and very stressful...

RR I didn't sleep good all night we-we're getting new windows on, went through all that...

PJ Oh, when are you getting windows?

RR We just gonna get one to start out with...

PJ Oh.

RR ...because it's, you know an old house...

Rs/19

PJ Yeah.

RR ...and we're trying to keep it look like it did in...

PJ Yeah.

RR ...(inaudible) do that anymore.

PJ Beautiful, beautiful yard. Beautiful setting here.

RR Last year we had a shed burn down on us.

PJ Um-hm.

RR That was traumatic.

PJ Yeah, and I realize that-that you and your husband are just trying to help the Wetterlings as well as you can and you want to do the right thing, and I don't-we don't mean to cause you and your husband any stress.

RR I think of that poor boy every time I, almost every time I'm by the mailbox.

PJ I bet. I wondered about that, I wondered how that would be when you-yeah. So I know that it's an inconvenience, we'll-we'll try to be as professional as we can, it's gonna seem like a big to-do, I'm just gonna forewarn ya, because I...

RR (inaudible) locked.

PJ Um, they're gonna have a video camera while they do the dog search and there's gonna be a couple guys with these ladies with dog, the nice thing is nobody can see in here, I'm not gonna let anybody, I'm not gonna let the Times in, I'll have somebody at the end of the driveway, just your family is gonna come in this morning, so I'll try to make it as nonintrusive for you as it is and, um, if you have any questions just come and ask me, 'cuz you're gonna get frustrated 'cuz you're gonna say what in the world are all these people being here, I'm just forewarning ya, that, two dogs, two people with dogs, three dogs, this is Kenny, this is Rita.

KM Hi.

RR Hello.

KM How are you?

PJ Forewarning her about all the cars that are gonna be coming and the commotion that's gonna come in here.

KM We were just gonna ask her if she has any keys (inaudible).

RR I don't know where Bob keeps (inaudible)

KM Okay.

PJ Okay.

KM Alright.

PJ So...

RR There's ground in there, too.

PJ I was explaining to her that we-the reason we're going in here looking for the floors that...

KM Sure.

Rs /20

PJ ...that the animals could have been left in these buildings or in the floors, for the bones and such and...

KM Do you remember when we came out and talked to you, we looked at your computer? It's been a few years now...

RR Oh you're the guy.

KM Yeah.

RR Oh.

KM And you're shoe shopper.

RR Yeah, I don't look like it now. These are comfortable when I get up.

PJ Well here comes the lady with the dogs. Two ladies with dogs from ah, Connecticut and I can't remember where the other one was from.

KM Virginia or something.

PJ Virginia.

(short pause)

PJ I don't know, we just park everybody there I guess, is that where you use for parking or?

RR (inaudible)

PJ Okay.

(pause)

RR They're aren't any newspaper people...

PJ No, we're not lettin' 'em down the driveway...

KM No.

PJ ...we're not letting 'em in at all, okay, I got a car up there, they're not gonna let anybody in...

RR We really don't like 'em on there, that's new grass...

PJ Okay...

RR ...(inaudible)

PJ ...we'll move 'em.

KM I'll take care of that.

PJ Yeah, over there by the-so.

(background 0:07:14-0:07:24)

PJ So you do so much volunteering work that you have to sleep in on your days you don't, huh?

RR Well, I have to later today and I get pretty tired by the end of the day.

PJ Well you know that's wonderful that you do that stuff. Do you like to be around the people or?

RR Yeah, and I, I don't have you know, I-we don't have a big garden, we just have a small one...

PJ Uh-huh.

Rs/21

RR ...down there. And 'bout, let's see when Jacob-then my garden was over here, and then we got a septic system put in and so we had to move our garden...

PJ Um-hm.

RR ...because they said-drive big tractors over here...

PJ Right, right.

RR ...septic system.

PJ Um-hm.

RR So, but I remember, one night, before that was, in September the end of September...

PJ Are we talking about in the day or?

RR Yeah it that'd be same year...

PJ Same year Jacob was taken?

RR ...somebody was in our yard at night, I was sleeping-I always sleep on the-on the south side, by the window...

PJ Um-hm.

RR ...and I have the window wide open and a car was parked over by-and I thought they were stealing my watermelon...

PJ Oh okay.

RR ...I had-so I don't know what that car was doing in our yard that night.

PJ See that's-I guess that's kinda what Dan's always said you know, when we'd be talking to Dan and stuff...

RR Yeah we were...

PJ ...is that people come here, you know.

RR ...we were always, we, most of us, when somebody came we-somebody was looking what kind of car...

PJ Oh absolutely.

RR ...because it's a private road.

PJ Yep. Yep.

RR Oh wow.

PJ I told you, that's what I want-I don't think-I think Robert's gonna be a little surprised when he gets back and how many of these dog people we got going on. See they got the guys, three of the guys have the map to make sure they stay on your property, the girl in the red...

RR Um-hm.

PJ ...and another girl in the red are the ones with the dogs, with them goes a guy that does that probing, with that other person is they record it. So each of those ladies is gonna have three people with them. So, that's six people with just the dogs. Then you got two guys over there with the maps. So they make sure that they go on your property, they don't go on anybody else's property...

Rs/22

RR Uh-huh.

PJ ...so that's another three guys there. Then um, let's see who else we got going on here. And I see they're spraying bugs. You can hear the dogs barking. Um. What else they got. Um. Three, you can take pictures if you want. Is that what you were gonna do?

RR I'm going to yes. 'Cuz nobody will believe me...

PJ No. And I know that that causes you-causes a stress when people talk about all that and, but if we keep the Times out of here, as long as none of your neighbors call in and tell the Times that there's any traffic down here, we should be fine, and they shouldn't be able to see down here, but...

RR No.

PJ ...I'm not gonna guarant...

RR Nobody should be able to see us.

PJ Right.

RR Because ah, the house is over there getting-the corn is getting...

PJ Right, so, um, that's the only thing would be if the St. Cloud Times would ah, would hear so. What time do you gotta leave to go to work?

RR Oh not 'til this afternoon.

PJ Okay.

RR (inaudible) five hours (inaudible) it seems later in the day (inaudible)

PJ Just 'cuz you get tired?

RR Yeah, I get...

PJ That's really good though because you guys are in your 80s right? You and your husband?

RR Yes.

PJ Oh, that's great.

RR Another car coming?

PJ Yep, a four-wheeler.

RR Some-somebody's gonna call from the neighborhood.

PJ You think so? Okay, if we get 'em all in here now, it's seven-ten to eight, ah-

(background/pause 0:11:26-0:12:10)

End of tape.

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PJ= Pam Jensen
DR= Dan Rassier
KM=Ken McDonald

PJ ...1440 hours. (pause) Soon as they're ready to go if he's done, the dogs ready to go. One dog, a fresh dog.

DR Do you know where Cassie's sitting, our dog?

PJ Yeah, where did I just see...?

?? Cassie's fine.

DR Okay.

?? We've been kinda making sure she's alright all day.

PJ That lady, one lady has been spoiling her.

?? It's a pleasant dog.

DR We like her.

?? I bet you don't run with her.

DR Not anymore. She can't do that. She used to run with me when I would do, back and forths and through the woods, she would do it and-but there would always be a point where, you know, now it's maybe once around the chicken barn and she-it's too much. She can't keep up, she just goes-we'll I've been-I d-I know what you're doing, forget that.

?? One thing we talked about and it and no decision has been made on this, but, ponder maybe asking if we can have a deputy stay for awhile after we leave to kinda let things calm down so they don't get pummeled by people coming down?

PJ Yeah if you want we can, you'll have to ask your mom and dad.

?? It's just something we talked about, I don't want to...

DR I would say that would help a little bit at the end when he-when you leave, if you just leave it's like the U.S. pulling out of Iraq. They would just leave...

?? Well yeah, you know, before we leave we'll make sure we you know do exactly what you want on that and I think we could probably do that for awhile.

PJ Yeah, they could, I mean-I mean the issue is going to be all the search people are gonna want to get in here so...

DR Oh yeah that's right.

PJ We don't want to slow that all down...

DR I forgot about that.

(pause)

DR Yeah.

Rs/24

?? Is he still in there?

PJ Yeah, I don't know what's taking them so long.

?? Thorough.

DR Probably going through my room.

PJ No.

?? Well, one of the things they do is before we go in there and start looking around, they video tape everything...

PJ And then they're gonna video when we leave...

?? When we leave so that there's not...

PJ So no one can think we broke something...

?? ... (inaudible) we don't steal your stuff, we don't...

DR Yeah.

?? ...we-we're gentleman about this.

DR Yeah.

?? Gentle-ladies, I guess.

PJ Yeah. Yeah the only thing is about putting someone on the driveway then all the church people are gonna be seeing that car at the end of the driveway, I don't know if that would scare 'em off, or...

DR No.

PJ Who in your house would be able to-is gonna be the one if somebody does come in your driveway tomorrow and tell them they have to leave? Did the media come into your driveway before? Or come up to your house?

DR They-they haven't been here for quite awhile. I think the Times drove in, five years ago or so.

PJ Okay.

DR But nothing, they were very good about it.

PJ Okay.

DR You know we-since that Jacob was taken we have not had any people come down our driveway. It's almost weird. It's almost like a...

PJ They're kinda scared or?

DR Yeah (slight laugh) they're scared-you know you don't want to go down there...

?? Was there a lot of people before that?

DR More than there-more than there used to be. I mean, there used to be more that would turn around in the yard, you know. But. I, you know, they, not as many of course, that road...

(phone ringing)

DR ...-there used to be a road underneath before the (inaudible) came.

Rs/25

?? (inaudible) let's see what he'd doing.

PJ (inaudible) come on.

(pause 0:03:28-0:04:06)

?? I think he's almost done.

(pause 0:04:50)

?? Where'd Dan go?

?? Right here.

PJ He's on the phone.

(inaudible/background until 0:06:02)

KM (inaudible) very patriotic.

PJ Fourth of July weekend.

KM Yep.

(pause)

KM You didn't shave this morning, wait 'til I see your boss. Who's your boss?

?? Not telling.

KM Some guy in Minneapolis I suppose.

?? Sir. Some guy named Sir.

(pause)

?? (inaudible)

DR (inaudible)

PJ Your family again checking on you...

DR No it was this guy, he says (inaudible) St. Johns and kinda checking (inaudible) victim of abuse at St. Johns with a priest and he wanted to talk to me, I didn't say who I was.

(phone ringing)

DR Are you waiting to get in there or?

PJ Waiting for that guy to come out.

DR Because I can let that go.

?? You probably could if you don't mind.

DR Let it go?

?? Oh do what you want...

DR No, I can let it go.

PJ Phones ringing constantly, did get a little reprieve.

DR Yeah. But if you want to get in there, you know...

RS /26

?? I think we're ready now yeah?

?? Okay, thanks a lot.

?? No problem.

?? (inaudible)

?? (inaudible)

PJ Okay. We'll sit down over here. They're gonna take pictures.

?? (inaudible)

PJ Since you're a good scavenger, did you ever find those metal chairs, those old metal chairs?

DR I-no.

(pause)

DR Where is that dog, Cassie?

PJ Um, is she up here? I saw her-

(inaudible)

(pause)

?? He's been here...

DR Okay.

?? (inaudible)

PJ I'll go look...

?? 50 times today.

(inaudible)

(pause)

?? What are you looking for?

PJ He's wondering where the dog went.

?? Oh. Probably in a spot of shade some place.

PJ I'm gonna go get a pop.

(inaudible)

(pause)

End of tape.

RS/27

VOICE6.MP3

PJ=Pam Jensen

DR=Dan Rassier

DW=Dan Winkels

RR=Robert Rassier

RitaR=Rita Rassier

KM=Ken McDonald

PJ They got a pencil and pen?

(pause/background until 0:01:28)

PJ It's July 1 at 0705 hours.

(pause/background/knocking on door)

DR Hello.

PJ Hey. Can we get Tony's telephone number?

DR Yeah, just a minute.

PJ Okay.

(pause)

DR 320-, 492-, 3491.

PJ Does he usually go to work at this time or?

DR Probably at work.

PJ Okay.

DR (inaudible) find it out yourself, but, ah...

DW Ah 3491 was the last of the-?

DR Yeah.

PJ 3491.

DR Work number at 320-252-5292 is Central-Mcgowan.

PJ Okay.

DW 5292?

DR Yeah.

DW 252-5292?

DR Central-Mcgowan and you'll get the secretary.

PJ He still out at Melrose today or?

Rs/28

DR Oh, I don't...

PJ Did you talk to him last night?

DR ...I don't know where he is, (inaudible) at work, I know (inaudible) going to work.

PJ Um, how's your dad doing?

DR Not good.

PJ Can we talk to you about your dad just for a second? I'm worried about him.

DR I am too, I-it's bad.

PJ Do you think that...

DW Can we sit down for a second and talk about it?

(pause)

PJ Maybe he can...

DW What?

PJ I said maybe Dan can get him to leave.

(pause)

DR He's really not doing good, he's pretty upset.

PJ Do you think that there's any way that you could get him and your mom to leave this morning?

DR No.

PJ I mean because he brought up that there's a loaded shot gun in the house.

DR A what?

PJ A loaded shot gun.

DR Ah...

PJ And that he could harm, well he said, he's talking about Trish, but she's not coming down here...

DR He's so-I'm-I'm-so-I don't-I can't see how a lady, a news reporter can fabricate and cut stuff up like that.

PJ But see the concern is he brings that up which, she's not coming up with-and then he said he could harm himself...

DR I...

PJ ...he said he was gonna shoot himself. And...

DR I...

PJ ...we can't-we can't have a loaded shotgun in the house. Because of his safety and then everybody else's safety...

DR Yeah.

PJ ...so we'd like-we'd like them to be able just go somewhere for a few hours, it will be less stressful on them.

R3/29

DR No, that-that would not-he would get in an accident.

PJ No, I mean could you...

DR He's so nervous about it.

PJ ...could you take them somewhere?

DR Oh.

PJ I mean we're –we're right to the point we're almost gonna have to have them away, because it's-it's, we're worried about him harming himself and then how do we know he's not gonna come and shoot one of our lab people or something?

DR Boy. Yeah, he-he wouldn't do that...

PJ I mean...

DR ...but I know-I know he said something like that...

PJ I mean he's just way, so upset and I don't want him to go down have a seizure, we don't want him to have a heart attack...

DR Right, (inaudible)...

DW How many firearms are in the house?

DR Boy. (pause) I-(inaudible) no, it's just this real old shotgun, I think and maybe a .22 or something...

PJ Where would they be at in the house?

DR In the-probably in the closet.

PJ Well we don't want him harming himself. And now he said it in front of us so we have to do something about it, you understand that I mean...

DR Yeah.

PJ ...he told me maybe I should just go shoot myself.

DR That's what he told me he said something like that, I go Dad, well I didn't say that, 'cuz I don't want to get him more upset.

PJ But we're-now we have to either, I'm-I'm...

DR What if I would get the gun and get it to you? That would-that would be a step in the right direction.

PJ Well...

DR Okay.

(pause)

PJ And then we tell him he can't come out anymore, if they do then they have to leave.

(pause)

PJ They can send Dan out if they have questions.

?? (inaudible)

R3/30

PJ They can.

?? Right.

PJ Yeah, yeah.

(pause)

PJ You've got eyes?

?? (inaudible)

(pause)

DR I have to talk to him I can't find it.

PJ Okay.

DR Ah.

DW You mind if I come in?

DR No I-I think that would make it worse.

PJ Okay.

(pause)

PJ You guys going up North then tomorrow, Saturday? Or Friday?

DW Probably go up tomorrow night.

PJ Everybody else suntan?

DW (inaudible) until Little Falls at least.

PJ Uh-huh.

DW (inaudible) take the River Road up, there's never anybody on that road.

PJ I don't have it too bad because I just get to take 94 to Ashby, the further west you go the less traffic there is, so.

DW (inaudible)

(pause)

PJ You gonna secure it in your trunk?

?? I'll go secure it and we'll give it back to whoever he'd like us to give it back to when we're all done.

PJ Maybe we can give it back to Tony.

?? (inaudible)

(pause 0:08:24-0:09:15)

PJ Do you see anything?

?? (inaudible)

(pause)

RS/31

?? (inaudible)

PJ No.

(pause)

PJ It looks like the dog has glaucoma in that one eye.

DW Been around for awhile.

(pause 0:10:02-0:11:10)

?? (inaudible)

PJ Hum?

?? (inaudible)

DR (inaudible)

PJ What did they say?

DR He said, and this is ah-ah-kinda a situation in there. He doesn't want to give you the gun he's so mad about-about you and the situation, and, and he's not gonna shoot you, he's not gonna shoot himself, it's only if Trish (inaudible) and he just so...

?? If I...

DR ...he's so upset about her because she-I-I'm upset too...

PJ Right, but we can't-we can't leave the firearm with him.

DW We can't-we don't have-we're law enforcement...

PJ Those other people aren't-those other people aren't.

DR I said Dad you can't say that, but he's so mad about it, he's so mad, I never saw him so mad.

PJ But where is he sitting right now?

DR (inaudible)

PJ Okay. Well. Is that Robert there?

DR It's my mom, she just shut the door.

PJ Would one of your other brother's be able to come get that out-away from him or?

DW So he's not giving it to us. So he's giving it to your brother?

PJ (inaudible)

DR Oh you mean if I would get it and...

PJ Give it to Tony or?

DR ...yeah.

PJ We don't have to take it...

DW We don't have to take it...

DR Ah, okay...

DW ...we just want to get it away from him. Is all we want to do.

DR Yeah, but-the insinuation it's so hard for him to take I think that-I'll go talk to him again here.

PJ Give it to Tony or just get it off the farm.

(pause 0:12:45-0:13:10)

?? Does he go by Tony?

PJ Um-hm.

(pause 0:13:13-0:13:35)

DW Tony, Dan Winkels with the sheriff's office at ah : , will you call me back as soon as possible please.

PJ Yeah I think they were up in-working in Melrose, so-.

DW Do you want to try the work number again, see if he happens to be in the office?

PJ Sure.

(pause 0:14:00-0:14:15)

DW Ah Tony Rassier please.

(pause)

RR Haven't we got any rights (inaudible)? (inaudible) haven't we got no rights what so ever?

PJ Yeah you do, but you...

RR The newscaster could get by with everything and ruin our family, but I can stand here and I can say a word...

PJ You can't threaten people with a shotgun...

RR Well she's threatening our whole life...

RitaR (inaudible) threaten anybody.

RR She had threatened our whole life.

PJ I realize that, just...

RR But she can get by with it, but she can get by with it! (yelling)

PJ For just today, can we just have the shot gun go to Tony's just for today and when we're gone...

RR No!

PJ ...you can have it back?

RR No. I'm not gonna do that.

PJ It-it-we can't have the threat that you could shoot one of the lab people. That...

RR I won't shoot nobody but that lady...

PJ And I don't want you to shoot yourself, you said you were gonna shoot yourself.

RR Well why not?

PJ Because you got a family...

RR You ruined my whole life...

PJ No we have not...

RR You have ruined our whole life!

RitaR We might just as well sit in prison (inaudible)...

PJ No, you guys are just...

RitaR ...dig through our farm like we were complete prison-and criminals...

RR I think-and what-they searched the place you can't even be there to-they can plant something-make evidence look like something we did or anything.

PJ No. We-we need to have the shotgun or we're gonna have to ask you to leave the farm.

RitaR We aren't gonna leave...

RR (inaudible)

PJ Then you need to give us the shotgun...

RitaR You need to leave...

RR (inaudible)

PJ No...

DR Mom, Dad...

RitaR ...(inaudible) this is our place.

PJ No we need to have the shotgun or you're gonna have to leave.

?? (inaudible)

PJ I mean that's the bottom line...

RR I won't shoot none of you guys. But that-the television, they get by with everything-and if she come in the yard...

DR You guys-you guys really should go arrest Trish Van...

PJ Okay, we can't right now, right now we need...

RR Arrest the-the television...

DW Wait a minute...

RR ...newscasters.

?? (inaudible)

RitaR (inaudible)

PJ We know...

?? ...you guys listen once...

DR ...somebody should go on the news and broadcast what she did...

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PJ ...get an attorney, and go that route with it, you guys need to legally get an attorney if you feel that she...

DR Well then...

PJ ...okay? That's a different fight...

DR Why don't-why don't you have some control over what people can say over the air...

PJ Because we can't-they don't listen to anything we say, you know that.

RitaR Why should we...

DR ...they-they listen and then they change it...

RitaR ...they can get by with it, why can't we?

PJ You can get by with saying what you want to the media, but you can't say that you're gonna shoot her or yourself, we need the shotgun, if you don't give us the shotgun, you're gonna have to leave the property, we have legal documents to get you out of the property from the get-go, but we were trying to make it so you guys could stay in your house, so that's your choice, either give us the shotgun or (inaudible)...

RR I'll give you the-I'll give you the shotgun...

DR I'll go with him.

?? Actually no, we're gonna come with you on that.

RR You stay out of here.

?? (inaudible)

RR You stay out of here!

?? (inaudible)

RR Oh man, I don't know what to do no more!

RitaR (inaudible)

PJ I don't know-they-they already said they wouldn't leave so we thought...

RitaR ...our house for god sake!

?? (inaudible)

RR ...(inaudible)...shotgun! No you're not gonna go get it!

?? Okay...

RR I'll give you the shotgun.

?? (inaudible)

RR Yes, but you get out of this house!

RitaR For god sake!

RR Yeah I'll give you the shotgun...

RitaR ...(inaudible, crying)

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RR Get out of this house!

?? (inaudible)

RR Get out of here!

?? (inaudible)

RR Get out of here!

?? (inaudible)

RitaR (inaudible, crying)

RR Get out of this house!

?? We're walking out, we're walking out...

RitaR (inaudible)

RR Get (inaudible) I'll give it to him he can bring it out.

?? I'll tell you what, we don't want it to go like this, please take a deep breath, okay, we don't want this to...

RitaR (crying)

DR If you just go out of the house, I'll...

?? No, Rita, we can't...

RitaR (inaudible)

?? (inaudible)

RR You're all a bunch of crooks. You're all a bunch of crooks!

?? I'm sorry (inaudible) nobody wanted it to be like this.

RR Yeah, come on (inaudible)

RitaR (crying in background)

RR (yelling in background)

KM Rita, let's step out. We're not gonna be here (inaudible)...

PJ Okay.

KM Rita we gotta leave, come on.

RitaR No.

KM It's either that or jail.

PJ Let's go to Dan's, let's go...

KM Come on...

PJ ...let's go in Dan's car.

KM Okay, we don't want to arrest you.

PJ Let's go.

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KM Let's go.

PJ Let's go, Rita.

RitaR Oh for god's sake!

PJ Come on let's go out to Dan's car...

RitaR (crying) Oh my...!

KM Rita, you have to leave.

RitaR I won't leave.

KM Okay, you're under arrest, you're going to jail. Stand up or you're going to jail.

RitaR Oh...

PJ Come on Rita.

KM Stand up or go to jail.

PJ Come on Rita, let's go Rita.

RitaR What did I do?

PJ Nothing, nothing. Let's just...

RitaR Then why are you...

PJ Because we want-we want you guys to go be safe...

KM Some place safe.

PJ Let's go some place safe, come on.

KM Stand up, please.

RitaR How long is it gonna...

KM Stand up please.

RitaR ...(inaudible).

PJ Come on, let's just get up Rita, okay?

RitaR (crying)

KM We need to finish our job out here.

PJ So we can...

RitaR Both of us, had a heart attacks...

PJ Yeah.

KM We want-we want you somewhere safe to, this is too much tension out here. Please stand up.

RR (yelling in background) (inaudible) What is this world coming to?

KM We have to leave.

RR I'm not leaving! You're gonna take the gun.

??	We got the gun...
KM	Nope, we're done, we're leaving.
RR	What happened to Mom?
PJ	Nothing, she sat down, she's okay. Let's just...
??	(inaudible)
RitaR	They said we're under arrest.
KM	We have a search warrant out here, if you don't leave, you will be arrested. Please leave the property. Plain and simple.
RR	Oh my goodness.
PJ	Come on Rita, let's get up.
RR	What is this world coming to?
RitaR	I'm even in my pajamas yet.
PJ	Come on Rita, let's get up, come on, let's get up...
RitaR	I'm not...
PJ	...come on, their-their going, Dan and Robert are going, let's go, come on, let me help you up, up, come on, up. Rita come on...
RitaR	Why do we have to leave?
PJ	Because this is too stressful for you, you can come back when we're done.
RitaR	Stressful, my...
PJ	Come on, come on Rita.
KM	Come on.
PJ	Let's go. Robert's going...
RitaR	Where's the guy with our gun?
PJ	They went out already.
DW	He's right there, he's just making sure that everybody's out of the way...
PJ	You can get your gun back when we're gone.
RitaR	What's he gonna shoot us?
PJ	No...
DW	No.
PJ	...come on. Come on Rita. Let's help you up...
RitaR	What did we do...?
PJ	Nothing, but this is too stressful.
RitaR	I'm not even dressed.

PJ Rita, let's go, you can go over to Tony's or somebody's, come on.

RitaR Tony's...

PJ We called Tony...

DW Tony's on his way over here.

PJ Come on, come on.

DW I called him and talked to him. Come on.

RitaR (inaudible)

PJ Okay, let's go out this way Rita.

RitaR (inaudible)

PJ They're-Robert and...

RitaR Jesus.

PJ ...come on, let's go out with Robert, come on. Come on Rita, let's go.

RitaR What is wrong with our country? Where's it going to? We didn't do anything.

PJ No you didn't do anything.

RitaR This Trish witch...

PJ Okay. Okay. Rita let's go, let's go, so you can now, come on. Let's go.

(background)

PJ Come on Rita. Let's go.

RitaR Oh my god.

PJ Come on Rita.

(background)

PJ Come on Rita.

?? As long as you guys aren't in the house, we're not even going to take the firearms out of the house. We'll leave the firearms right in the house.

RitaR Where are we going to go now?

PJ You can over to Tony's for right now.

RR Everybody's here Rita, they can do what they want to when we're gone.

PJ No, we're not going in the house any more, you guys leave, let us do this thing and we'll be out of here. We'll be gone this afternoon.

DR Did you get the weapons?

DW As long as everybody's leaving, we're gonna leave the weapons...

DR Well how about if you get-take the weapons with you and then we...

RR No!

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RitaR (inaudible)

PJ No, just go, just go, just go, go, go get a break, bring 'em over to Tony's go get a break.

RR Can we stay here if you take the weapons?

PJ Come on, let's go. It's just too stressful, Dan, all day yesterday...

RR Somebody's gonna get sued for this all.

PJ Okay, that's the way to go, get-get your attorneys involved. Come on Rita, let's go.

(background conversations)

DR Is Tony home?

PJ Yeah we called him.

DR But he's not home yet is he?

DW He's-he's coming here.

PJ So go over to wait for Tony at his house.

DR Can somebody give us a ride up there?

PJ Yeah.

(background)

PJ Put 'em, go Dan you-Dan you drive, Dan you drive I think he'll be less upset about that, just over to Tony's, they can get in your car can't they? I'll help you, let's get 'em in your car.

DR I don't think they'll like that.

RitaR Oh my gosh!

DR Mom, Mom...

PJ Go with Dan, in Dan's car Rita.

DR I don't have my wallet with me.

PJ That's okay.

DW You don't have your what?

DR Is the door locked then?

RitaR Can I have my cell phone?

DW No it's not locked, do you want to lock it?

(background conversation)

PJ Yeah let's get 'em in the car.

DW Lock the house, get your keys, or wallet.

RitaR Well will you go in the house and get my cell phone?

KM Dan's going back in there, we can walk back in there and he can grab your cell phone.

RR Lock the house Dan.

RitaR Get my cell phone.

KM You can lock the house...

RR Go lock the house, they told you to go lock it...

(background)

RR (inaudible) all of this! (inaudible)

(pause/background 0:23:59-0:25:58)

PJ Dan is there a cell phone number you want us to call when they can come back in?

DR Um...

PJ Or do you want us to tell, Tony, or who do you want us to call?

DR Call Tony.

PJ Okay.

DR Yeah, yeah. He's not home yet is he though?

PJ He's on his way back home.

DR So he's not there yet?

PJ No.

DR Okay.

PJ Any other questions or?

DR I guess if I would have found the guns right away...

PJ Well otherwise, yesterday-we'd come out and they were okay, I just don't want 'em to have a em-a medical emergency, so-

(pause)

PJ Well let's get this thing going...

?? (inaudible)

End of tape.

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PJ=Pam Jensen
DR=Daniel Rassier

PJ At this time I'm in-Dan Rassier's coming this way. (inaudible). Your mom and dad doing any better or not? That's that Ken McDonald that you don't care for.

DR Who?

PJ Ken McDonald. (inaudible) that the one that you didn't like? From our guys or not?

DR I don't know...

PJ Oh...

DR ...I never-I can't remember...

PJ Okay. Um, what do you think with your mom and dad?

DR I think you guys comp-I-I'm so embarrassed...

PJ Yeah.

DR ...for the State of Minnesota.

PJ Okay.

DR To see how you guys handled this. It could have been so, I mean, you could have done this without having the press...

PJ We did-but we didn't call the press, Dan, we did...

DR How-how did they get...

PJ The only thing I can think of is that a neighbor must have saw us come in and called the Times, the Times is owned by KARE11. That's the only way that I can figure that...

DR Okay.

PJ ... we didn't tell anybody that-to come down here because one minute they like us and minute they don't...

DR The-the thing with Dad this morning...

PJ I mean I just don't want them health-wise, I guess I'm concerned about his health.

DR We-it-I mean like that guy, some of those guys coming in the house like...

PJ I think they're just-in all honesty we're worried that he was gonna grab the shotgun and hurt himself, because your dad just shut down, it's like...

DR Yeah but they, I mean, you would think, I've seen enough stuff...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...in my life that they would have had, they would have let me try to handle it instead of them, just barging in and making my dad almost he-he basically almost had a heart attack...

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PJ Yeah, I just...

DR I mean...

PJ ...yeah it was very uncomfortable.

DR I've never held him like that, I just-it was-he's so-I mean they're-they're kinda sitting there now, I'm the one that's kinda, I want to get something done...

PJ That's-I mean is there any other family members that can go and help sit through this, get through this day or?

DR Tony's missing work and Penny, the sister in law's there right now and...

PJ I mean they do realize that they-they just have to stay there until we're done and then they can come back, but they can't come back right, we're not gonna have your dad try to come back until we're outta here are we? I mean do they, do they realize they have to sit there until the search warrant's done?

DR Well they, they-I-I told them just now that they won't let us come back and that I'm just gonna be able to pick something up...

PJ Right.

DR ...here and, and ah. You know of course my dad, where they're digging down there right now, the problem is the mess they're gonna make even...

PJ Digging.

DR On the road there's so many nails in the stuff they're digging up. It's like, what's gonna-when that truck drives down...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...am I gonna have to go through that whole road with a magnet?

PJ Okay.

DR Because, is the-that truck fail safe as far...

PJ Okay...

DR ...as dropping?

PJ ...see now, I wouldn't have thought of that. You know.

DR You know there are nails and they're digging right where all these nails are just from the fire, just-so...

PJ So...

DR ...there's so many things that just-

PJ Just out of the top of your head, where would you-where would've you ran the dogs and where have you-where would have you sent the people then? I asked your dad this same thing.

DR Oh g-here's another thing. You're not in charge here, but, are you?

PJ Well I'm-I'm one of the people...

Rs/43

DR I mean if you would have really thought ahead...

PJ Yep.

DR ...and it sounds like you were planning ahead here...

PJ Well, we-we didn't know-we were planning to do this and when we were gonna do it was when these two dogs were available...

DR Okay.

PJ ...that's the unfortunate thing that happens to be when the Church Festival was one because these two ladies, dog handlers, are from Connecticut and Vermont...

DR Yeah...

PJ ...so that was-so it was always in the plan when we could get these cadaver dogs.

DR Yeah. It, but, they, you could have called me and said, you know said this-this is gonna happen.

PJ Yeah.

DR And I could have prepped 'em for it a little bit.

PJ But I didn't know if you'd take my phone calls, I knew that you were upset with us and I thought well what...

DR How do you know I was upset? I have cooperated one-hundred per cent with the case...

PJ So you're not-you're-somebody-it was-or after you talked to Patty or after Patty came down here she told me that you guys wouldn't talk to me.

DR So Patty did tell you that she talked to me...

PJ After she told us a couple months ago that she ran into you somewhere at the mall...

DR She didn't run-she didn't run into me.

PJ Okay. At the mall.

DR It was pretty planned out I think.

PJ Okay. Well she talked to you, she relayed that she had talked to you and that she came down and talked to your folks.

DR And that's really the enticement why your people are here now because of what I said, to Patty.

PJ That's what your brother thinks, that's-that came from Rick, I'm not gonna say that we said anything like that...

DR Okay, anyway...

PJ Anyway.

DR ...but, just ask me...

PJ Okay wait wait wait, okay so if I would have asked ya, what would of you suggested to do about the property, 'cuz even back when we talked to you you said somebody could have brought somebody on the property, where...

DR Right.

RS/44

PJ ...where would I send the dogs?

DR Well. One-the...

PJ You were here then I mean...

DR The big place, if somebody's gonna somebody...

PJ Yep.

DR ...would be the gravel pit because there are cars that can drive down there and we have no idea, hunters...

PJ So is that the only road to the gravel pit that they could have back then?

DR Yeah. The gravel pit would be the place where, and-and-and if you let me go down there I'll show you where...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...where to look.

PJ Yep.

DR I mean where-where the places would be that...

PJ Rather than where they're digging right now you mean?

DR You bet.

PJ Well we could go down there.

DR Let's go down there.

PJ Okay, so, we go down there and look, is there anything else other than the gravel pit?

DR You mean around here, where...

PJ Yeah.

DR ...well...

PJ I mean all these trails...

DR I mean that night, and I-you've heard this before...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...but, she makes me sound like, Trish (inaudible)...

PJ I know, I wish that she...

DR But she-I went out and I think you probably have this on my interviews, I went out to the buildings with a flashlight and looked in all these buildings...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...by myself, the police didn't come down here, I went around and looked in these sheds and stuff. I-I don't think he's in any shed...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...I mean there's no way that that could have been done.

RS/45

PJ Okay.

DR If somebody-if somebody did something with his body, it would have down in the gravel pit.

PJ You don't think they would have went in your woods or anything?

DR I don't think so.

PJ Because you said at-when we talked to you that you thought you heard some commotion by the woodpile that would have...

DR That was-that was of the...

PJ The cops, then.

DR Yeah.

PJ Okay.

DR I mean, it's-it's-if there's anything to be found, it's gonna be in that gravel pit.

PJ Okay, well let's go down and look at the gravel, you got time or?

DR Yeah I-it's ah, I just um, should eat something.

PJ Why don't you grab something to eat and then um...

DR I didn't eat breakfast.

PJ I'm just gonna stand in the doorway, though...

DR Okay .

PJ ...just 'cuz those guns are lying out.

DR Oh, okay. (slight laugh)

PJ And then um, you want you better get your mom some clothes too huh?

DR She-she didn't want me to go through anything.

PJ Even if there's like some clothes she switched out that are laying on the bed or something, I wonder if you should grab those?

DR No.

PJ Does she really have her pajamas on or?

DR She really has kinda not much on.

PJ Okay.

DR Boy I haven't seen those guns for years. I-I should have been able to find them...

PJ I wish that you would have been able to-if you would have been earlier yesterday I would have told you to hide those.

DR I...

PJ But nobody called you and it's just like well how come Dan's not coming here?

DR I went in there and I-I was in too much of a hurry to find 'em, I didn't see 'em and then I went back and by that time, um...

RS /46

PJ Because I really was fearful that-that he would hurt himself. I wasn't fearful about Trish because she's not coming in here. She's not even on the road, I didn't even see them up on the road.

DR She-she's got to be dealt with, I mean...

PJ But don't you guys have an attorney in the family?

DR Well, I-I talked to attorney five years about suing Channel 9...

PJ Yep.

DR ... and I was advised that it was, for my parents it would get so ugly.

PJ But how about now?

DR I-I, to see Dad and Dad and Mom like that, it's so hard, they just get so, you know-

PJ They were good for awhile yesterday and then down, that's why I was kinda hoping you would have came, I think it could held them down a little bit, they'd be really really calm about it, and then something would happen and then they'd be upset again, and I understand they're the same age as my folks were and they're property, we're doing this, I-I get it a hundred per cent, that's why I feel horrible for them. I'm not worried about you, you're young and in shape and, but, I was just so-felt so horrible for them.

DR I think ah, what I'm gonna do is ah, grab a fe-couple candy bars...

PJ Okay.

DR ...(inaudible)

PJ And you don't want to look for anything for your mom to wear then you don't think or?

DR I don't think so right now...

PJ Okay.

DR ...she was, I talked to her about it.

(long pause)

(phone ringing)

PJ Did you need to get something for your schoolwork too or?

DR Well...

PJ Or should we just come back...

DR We'll go down there first, I'm gonna, well maybe I should ah...

PJ We're not-we're here-I'm here until the dogs are done so we got all sorts of time. I wonder if you should just take that off the hook so they don't get all those dumb answering things on their answering machine or don't you think that would matter to 'em?

DR Ah. I'm gonna get a Coke.

PJ Okay.

(phone ringing)

DR I got this...

RS/47

PJ (inaudible)

DR ...caffeine thing, if I don't...

PJ Well I too, I get a headache if I don't have my caffeine, of course I do the diet, but you don't have to do the diet 'cuz you do all that running.

DR Well I broke my foot twice in the last year...

PJ Oh did you?

DR ...(inaudible) cast for seven months.

PJ How'd you do that?

DR Running. Running these long things that I-I jumped a tree and it just snapped, like mile 29 of a race...

PJ Oh wow.

DR And I-I never officially broke a bone and it just-I heard it pop.

PJ So let's go back to that then, you'd think we'd go down to that gravel pit so, when you told Ken and I back in the day that if somebody was to come in here they would-they would have opportunity to bury him, you think they'd go to that gravel pit?

DR Yep.

PJ How would they know that gravel pit's back there you think? Just because they're in the yard earlier?

DR They go hunting down there.

PJ Oh.

DR I mean if somebody would, you know...

PJ Yep. So how-if they came in from one of the other directions, like across the back, they would-over by those (inaudible) or whatever their name or over by the (inaudible) can they get up to your-would have then been able to get up to there?

DR Anybody on a four wheeler could have come through there or...

PJ Was there a lot of four wheelers back in '89? I was wondering about that, when did they become so prevalent? Did you guys have a four wheeler in '89? I bet not, you think?

DR No, not us.

PJ No. I mean I think those would have been pretty, and that's the only place you think that if you want us to get out of here as quick as we can, other than that gravel pit where they're digging is there any other place you think those dogs could go?

DR Well. I mean. I'd like you to do the best job you can...

PJ So we don't have to ever have to come back again...

DR ...so you can clear...

PJ Yeah.

Rs /48

DR ...the whole thing.

PJ Yep. So what do you think? Gravel pit.

DR Gravel pit. You know did somebody come in or, the whole, the whole you know negative imagination that...

PJ Well I know we've put enough pressure on ya that you've probably thought about this a mil-on your own and then when we started questioning ya about it, and then the Trish questioning you, but I know you ran ever scenario through your mind, did you...

DR Yeah.

PJ ...did you come up with anything different?

DR Well...

PJ I mean you run around here, physically you run, and you know...

DR If I did it...

PJ Yep, yep...

DR ..if I did it, I'm just being...

PJ Right...

DR ...honest with you...

PJ Yep.

DR ...people say I shouldn't even talk to ya.

PJ I know. I appreciate that you are. Hypothetically if you did it...

DR Okay, hypothetically...

PJ Clarify it that way, yep.

DR ...I-I-I'm just trying to cooperate...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...I've always cooperated...

PJ Yep.

DR ...for the thing with you said you didn't want to talk to me because I was mad-well I'm disappointed...

PJ Okay. That's fair, that's fair.

DR ...in the whole thing.

PJ And I never did call you to come back, so you've never said you weren't going to talk to me and I've never said he wouldn't...

DR But, here's the thing...

PJ Okay.

DR ...if-if you're really thinking that I did it...

PJ Um-hm. Or that you know something.

DR ...and I've told, and I know something?

PJ Or something, yep.

DR I. There-that's what bothers me...

PJ Uh-huh.

DR ...there's no way you're gonna eliminate me, because there's so many places that...

PJ But we could eliminate you if we found Jacob.

DR That would make me really bad. I'm hoping you don't find anything. Because if you found Jacob down there, I would be, you would arrest me...

PJ No I wouldn't. How in the world would I-and that's what people don't get, and that's what I tried to explain to your mom and dad. How could I arrest you, if we find Jacob here? I have no connection of putting...

DR If I tell you down there where he is, where I think he could be...

PJ Yeah?

DR ...and you find him there...

PJ Are you gonna tell me that you think he's there because you found some disturbances after the-that happened? That-that you noticed after Jacob was taken you noticed that there was something different...

DR No, no, I'm just-I'm just thinking what a person would do...

PJ Right.

DR ...and I-and there's some places-the problem is your gonna, if you find him...

PJ Yeah...

DR ...there where I say, then where does that leave me?

PJ I guess you'd have to clarify with me before hand why you would think that.

DR Okay.

PJ We'd have to say, I-based-because I am familiar with this area, and I'm asking you a straight up hypothetically, because you told me that when we've talked before, when we talked that time you told me that you know you've thought about this, and you are a meticulous person and you would have some ideas, and I think we kinda insulted you by not letting you give us all your ideas, that's what I'm asking you for, 'cuz I know...

DR Wait-wait a minute, we're missing the whole, the big...

PJ Okay.

DR ...white elephant in the room...

PJ Okay.

DR You are so wrong. About the cars.

PJ Okay.

DR You don't even know where Hamilton, you haven't really lined it up where Hamilton drove and where the cars I saw drove.

PJ Well maybe we should go out and you can show me on the road?

DR I'm not gonna show you anything...

PJ Okay.

DR ...until we have Hamilton here and get it, we-that would be one thing we could get squared away right away...

PJ Okay.

(phone ringing)

DR Where did Hamilton, where did he, where did he drive that car?

PJ Okay how about if I get Hamilton to meet with you and we get a map and I don't have to bring him in here today, so we can get that other thing taken care of, would you be willing to do that?

(phone ringing)

DR I would...

PJ I just don't want to, I don't want to make this any...

DR I want to get it solved.

PJ Okay, so if I had Hamilton come with the map, the aerial map...

DR Yep.

PJ ...and you'd be willing to come in and talk to him, okay, okay, we will do that, we won't do it today because if we don't...

DR Right.

PJ ...get this search done they're not gonna get their church stuff and your mom and dad...

DR Right.

PJ ...will be, okay, so we'll do that.

(phone ringing)

DR Yeah, I mean because you eliminate...

PJ But you can't argue about it with them, you just ask-we'll just ask 'em and then you...

DR Well I know, but you know what I'm saying?

PJ Yep.

DR Because I think, I know, I know, I'll make it short here...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...that the car I saw in the afternoon, that wasn't Hamilton.

PJ Okay. But he said he came in after the 9-1-1 call though. In the after...

RS/51

DR Did he-did he drive in our yard?

PJ Yeah, after the 9-1-1 call.

DR Where did he go in our yard?

PJ Okay. I-I-he told me he came in and he turned around, but if you're asking me where exactly I don't know.

DR If he's the one that turned around the way I saw the car...

PJ Okay.

DR ...turn around, he also came in the afternoon. Then you got your man.

PJ Okay, so we'll do that.

DR You've got your man if he's the one that turned around the way, if I found out that he's the one that turned around that way at night...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...he's the one that was there in the afternoon.

PJ I mean he told me he turned around at night, he never said nothing about in the afternoon.

DR And where did he turn around?

PJ Okay.

DR So you know what I'm saying?

PJ Yep, okay. We can do that, we'll do that, we'll give this a couple weeks and I'll call ya and we'll set that up-if he's willing to do it, and I don't understand why he wouldn't be, we'll do that. But I don't-like I said, we're not gonna do that today...

DR Right.

PJ Okay, so take care of the vehicle thing.

DR So anyway, the-the-that's the white elephant that...

PJ Right.

DR ...just thinking that...

PJ How about if I-I agree that we disagree on the-on the vehicle, although I would be very open to change my mind on that vehicle if we could prove that that was true. Absolutely because I just-I don't want to be hung up on something that's not gonna cause-solve the case either.

DR Right.

PJ I want to be able to solve the case, so we'll deal with the vehicle thing later, so let's talk about something that could help...

DR Okay.

PJ ...with the search today.

DR Okay, so this whole thing here, like you're asking me is, in my imagination...

PJ Yep.

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DR ...where could he be buried on the farm that would be most likely...?

PJ Right.

DR ...would be the gravel pit.

PJ Yep.

DR And I want you to be able to do everything you can to clear the whole thing up...

PJ Right.

DR ...but here's the problem. (sigh). That he could be, if somebody was meticulous enough, they could have buried him anywhere...

PJ Right.

DR ...and if you want me to tell you about places that he could be...

PJ Yeah.

DR ...then what about the damage that you could do the buildings?

PJ Like what?

DR Okay. Do I have to tell you this? I don't...

PJ Well, no you don't have to tell me anything, I mean...

DR Okay. He could be buried in a silo.

PJ Um-hm.

DR In the silo, he could-somebody could have come in there and buried him down deep in the silo.

PJ Right...

DR (inaudible)

PJ Yep.

DR No, you don't have any cement to deal with...

PJ Um-hm, but you said before you went out there with your flashlight with...

DR I know...

PJ Okay.

DR ...but I'm saying if somebody really wanted, I-I'm highly doubt if anything is in those silos.

PJ Okay.

DR Because it would be too difficult to, you know, risk being seen.

PJ Okay.

DR Being caught doing it.

PJ Um-hm.

DR Um. He could be buried anywhere in the gravel in the shed...

PJ Um-hm.

DR He could have been buried in the machine shed that burned down. It-it was all dirt floor.

PJ Um-hm.

DR He could be buried ah...

PJ When do you think they could have buried him though? When you went to school the next day or?

DR A-at night, I mean, yeah. But that's why I'm saying the problem is where-where...

PJ Because they could of did that immediately, if...?

DR Right-not immediately, because that-that night the car, I'm thinking of the car...

PJ Yep, yep, left.

DR And I couldn't of-if I did it, I could have never buried him down there that night. There were helicopters everywhere.

PJ Right.

DR And-and that kind of a dig would have been noticed.

PJ Right.

DR A field...

PJ Well a field I would think that it would be plowed a zillion times since then.

DR Yeah. I mean you could like bury dogs down there last year I dug up a dog. I go why is that, impression...

PJ Down there where that gravel pit you mean, 'cuz you guys, your dad told me that you guys buried a couple of your dogs there by the, um, corn crib.

DR A hunter buried a dog down there and I...

PJ Oh.

DR ...I was curious to see why the ground was like that and it was a dog.

PJ So everybody just goes back on the Rassier property back there and hunts?

DR Oh some people.

PJ You guys give 'em permission or?

DR Yeah. And I mean they're hunters that come from over there, they're people from different properties that get in there and...

PJ Um-hm. Well-should you want to just drive your car and I just drive my car down there or do you want to walk down there or what do you want to do, what do you feel most comfortable?

DR Well can I go with you in your car?

PJ Sure. Yep.

DR Okay. You don't mind me...

PJ No. You don't think that matters to them that those answer things or you think it's media...

RS/54

DR (inaudible) media probably, I, my dad feels so bad that we got kicked out of the house.

PJ You know and yesterday, today to be perfectly honest what were gonna tell 'em is that they had to stay on the-on the porch but I don't know, do you think they would have stayed on the porch?

DR (slight laugh) I don't...

PJ The issue was is they-they would come down because you would be upset, and, ended up being just a big controversy and he get worked up and then we had to tell him to go back in and I was just worried that-I just thought if he would have just sat out here maybe it would have been better for him, but...

DR Okay, I'm gonna shut the doors so I can put the alarm on.

PJ Oh, okay.

(pause)

PJ Does that call into 9-1-1?

DR Yep.

PJ Oh does it?

(pause)

(inaudible background conversation)

PJ ...like those dogs, they have been all over her. The dog ladies.

DR Yeah.

(pause)

DR So the dogs haven't found anything yet?

PJ They found some hits. What they call hits and...

DR Okay.

PJ We're gonna go down to the gravel pit, so.

(pause)

PJ You can just jump in the other side of this Charger.

(short pause)

PJ I don't know if they're down there right now or they came back with a load.

(short pause)

DR Do I have to put my seatbelt on?

PJ Well no if you don't want to you don't, they'll ding me so I'm gonna do my side, but, but-

(short pause)

PJ As long as I'm picking your brain, gravel pit, anything else you think that's frustrated you that could be cleared up since we're both together here today?

RS/55

DR Yeah, well, that-that would be you know my-the fear of you guys finding something in the gravel is kinda ironic I'm going down here to help you find him, but...

PJ But I mean they've taken two or three loads and I haven't been back here yet so I can see how bad it...

DR What-what do they-what's the premise for taken a load of that?

PJ Because that would take so many hours to do what they-for their sifting they have those, well you know what I mean, those sift blocks it would just take too long, really truly trying to get out of here as soon as possible so that's the premise of that. Otherwise we'd have to bring the people down here for the digs and it would have to be another day and I said I don't want to put your folks though another day, that's the premise.

(short pause)

PJ So this cornfield and this road was this like this in '89 you think?

DR Pretty close. I mean the way they pile it, but it's pretty much the way it was, yeah.

PJ Okay.

DR And hunters, people that drive down there, they can actually park their car down there and you won't even know you're-they're down there.

PJ Yeah. It's lower there I-I came back here just before they started digging. And yeah you can be underneath or behind this burm and you can't be seen.

DR You know if you don't find anything here (pause) I'd-there's always (pause)...

PJ Is there something else down here or what?

DR Well something else that I could tell you, but-

PJ Well like I said this is the day to do it Dan so we don't have to come back. So. Park here, I wonder if I'm in the way of...

(inaudible/pause)

PJ Should we just walk over here or?

DR Yeah.

(pause/inaudible)

DR You know what?

PJ What?

DR The stuff they were digging (inaudible) is all new stuff in the last probably ten years. They're not even, they're not even to the area that was open when Jacob was taken.

PJ Okay, why don't you show me where that is?

DR Well I mean...

PJ Right there?

DR ...underneath. I mean that stuff has been dumped there (inaudible) ashes that dad dumps there every year and so like that pile over there...

RS/56

PJ Yep.

DR ...that-a lot of that stuff they took away (pause) oh there's the lumber, see we had that fire...

PJ Yep-yep.

DR ...and so a lot of that stuff is from the fire.

PJ Okay.

DR They-they're not even, (pause) they'll have to move, to get to the area that was back in...

PJ Yeah.

DR ...1989, they're gonna have to dig (inaudible) I don't think, I mean, (inaudible) tell you.

(short pause)

DR Somebody, a hunter that comes down here...

PJ Yep.

DR ...what do you think the best place if-if this guy did something...

PJ Yep.

DR ...what's the most obvious place down here that you would put him?

PJ By the rocks maybe?

DR In the rock pile.

PJ Yeah.

DR If he's-if he's here, he's in the rock pile.

PJ But, they're gonna sit there and-I mean how many years, is that 20 years of rocks that you picked-picked out of the field?

DR Yeah.

PJ You know.

DR I mean, I'm not sure what-

PJ But how would you know that somebody was messing with the rocks...

DR You wouldn't know.

PJ Yeah.

DR How would you know? And so my point is, is that ah, like back there I've been digging all around there...

PJ Uh-huh.

DR Um.

PJ Like when you were digging for cans, where would you do that at?

(pause)

DR I don't-can you walk over this...?

PJ Sure. Just don't hurt your foot or whatever you broke.

(short pause)

DR When Jacob was taken, this whole area was scrap metal...

PJ Okay.

DR And, and I've been digging, not lately, but digging in this area, but then back there, there's some sinkholes and stuff, I've been digging a lot back there but, my point is is that, if he's here, he's under the rock pile.

PJ I just...

DR I hate to tell you that, but-

(short pause)

PJ So you didn't notice anything else different after that 1989 night when you came back here?

DR I-I wasn't, I didn't spend as much time down here, the reason I came down here was to (inaudible).

PJ Um-hm. So this was-this isn't someplace that you ran back then or that you would had a reason to...

DR I would run through here, but I never, no, I-I can't tell you I noticed anything...

PJ Okay.

DR ...I was just telling you that.

PJ Alright, that's why-why I wanted to ask you that because you said that I don't, you know, I need to make sure that I'm pickin' your brain now that I got ya here, so that's what I'm doing.

DR The rock pile's number one, I, I know (inaudible)...

PJ Well don't tell him you told me then he wouldn't know about it so, I don't kno-even know if they can move that rock pile.

DR The problem is that, you know, well you-you can imagine how easy it would be to bury somebody in it.

PJ Well, maybe for you (laugh) I think it would be a lot of work, but yeah I guess...

DR You dig a...

PJ I don't know how far down is it-is the rocks go though, this is just what's on the surface?

DR I would say it goes down you know all that way.

PJ Down to the ground level, and then deeper?

DR Not deeper than ground level, but...

PJ But I mean how many of these rocks are put here after 1989?

DR Um...

PJ When did you guys start pic-stop pickin' rocks?

DR My dad, pretty much, we didn't-when did he start renting the land, but most of these rocks are, most of them are from before that.

PJ Okay.

DR Back in (inaudible) there after...

PJ But you guys didn't-weren't heavily farming, picking rocks after '89 you don't think?

DR Well, I'm thinking right now when did we rent the land out? I'd have to ask Dad that one.

PJ Yeah you probably better not ask him, today, you don't want him to get mad at you, but it's easier for him to be mad at us.

DR But how hard would it be to, the problem would be you'd have to move the rocks and you'd have to do it in a way so you don't miss something that could be...

PJ Yeah 'cuz you start moving, yeah, it's just never ending.

DR It would be a long job. I-I've thought about it myself.

PJ What's that brick? Was there another building back here is that like a brick ledge or?

DR Like slabs of...

PJ Oh, okay.

DR (inaudible) over there, (inaudible) have the dogs go through here.

PJ That's what I think I'll do.

(pause)

PJ And then when you guys have burnt garbage, regular garbage where would you say? Where'd you do that at?

DR Well (inaudible)

PJ (inaudible)

DR (inaudible)

PJ Okay. And that was-that space is what you're thinking down here? With the dog-the rock piles?

DR That would be my first guess, I can't (inaudible). I mean back then there was more (inaudible)...

PJ Like a needle in a haystack?

DR Yeah. I mean (inaudible).

PJ I thought what-so say this guy grabs Jacob, and he escapes back in here, and he has Jacob back in here and the cops are all out there then where would he go to get out of here?

DR Oh, god if you're thinking that way...

PJ I'm thinking he grabbed up Jacob and all the sudden he either grabbed him and then it just went downhill, and if you say he needed to get away, he doesn't want towards the road because he knows the boys just ran to the road so he comes back here, now the cops are your driveway, back then where would-how would he have got out of here, if he would have left Jacob here and he was gonna leave, just go that way and get to the (inaudible)?

DR I think it's probably, you know if he didn't know the area, probably go that way. Back to the main highway...

PJ Okay. It's dark out then it's nine o'clock.

DR Yeah.

PJ Because that 's the thing with-with the property being right near the abduction site and your mom says why didn't you guys check this and I said well every time they build a house-a house and they dug ground, we contacted those people, they knew that let us know if they find something when they dig, same for across the road and all that new housing development, so we have been watching that.

DR Yeah.

PJ So back here this is kinda been undisturbed since then.

DR Well this-this whole area here, I mean, maybe we should walk, I mean all of this...

PJ Yep.

DR ...was at the time, he could have I mean that would have been the idea that putting him under some metal, I never found anything.

PJ Okay. That's fair.

DR And that's all gone, if he didn't have much time, even the rock pile almost seems like (inaudible) could you move enough rocks to put a body under there in a 15, 20 minutes?

PJ You know maybe it was flatter to the ground and then you extended that area, I don't think you'd go right to the middle and stand up on the top of that rock and do it, I mean that'd be kinda hard.

DR Yeah I guess you could...

PJ You know if you're on the side here, then move the rocks to cover the body...

DR Right, right.

PJ ...versus me and you try and stand up there and start moving around and we would twist our ankle.

DR And then the idea would be to-that far side where, usually we're throwing rocks off the...

PJ Right, and they don't get all the way over there.

DR And over there where it's pretty level, I'm guessing that would be, (inaudible) rock pile that would be a place to start over there.

PJ Um-hum.

(pause)

DR That-that pile there I don't, (inaudible). You know the sink hole's back there (inaudible) shovel. He could have grabbed a piece of metal easily without the metal...

PJ And I don't know when they did that search a few days later, you know...

DR They would have noticed that I mean...

RS/60

PJ Yeah I mean they came back here with some different type of dogs, these are cadaver dogs...

DR Yeah.

PJ ...and then they had their ATVs you see on the old news coverage on that...

DR Yeah.

PJ ...one that um Trish's last night when they showed the, I didn't see the other news channels, but-

DR You know and all these trees so much of this, you know, it's extending this way.

PJ Um-hm.

DR Um, there's even a place over there where there's a big shingles, you know...

PJ A pile of shingles?

DR ...I've talked about cleaning those up, getting them out of there. You know you start-that's the-that's the thing that bothers me, if you don't-I don't want you to find anything...

PJ Right, 'cuz you don't want us to say you put 'em there.

DR And-and if you-and then, how far do we go, how far do you go to spend money looking for stuff, I mean you're spending a fortune.

PJ Yeah.

(pause)

DR Um.

PJ We just can't take away from that fact that this was in the vicinity of.

(short pause)

DR Like those trees, man I look at those trees now I go, man they weren't there a few years ago.

PJ Right, yeah they probably weren't there 20 years ago. They're pretty...

DR Oh, no, I mean that, over there where they're standing up there now...

PJ Yep.

DR ...that area is pretty much, one of the last areas my dad has dug, you know. I mean for clay, he was looking for clay and stuff for the-. As far you know and then...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...that's just a dumping ground for ashes right there.

PJ So you think that's just, we're just diggin' up the last 20 years of ashes?

DR What you just did right now...

PJ Yeah.

DR ...I was there this Spring...

PJ Yep.

DR ...and I spent just a few hours down here when my dad wasn't home...

RS/61

PJ Uh-huh.

DR To-to-because I'm a recycler.

PJ Yeah I heard that, your mom says he recycles everything.

DR And I was down here...

PJ Yep...

DR ...collecting, I still have it in my garage I think, all kinds of nails...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...(inaudible) been down here again, but now, it's all gone.

PJ Yeah.

DR All those nails are gone, which is kinda scary, I hope they leak anything.

PJ Yeah.

DR But, they-all their doing is they're taking away the stuff that came from the fire and the last few years of ashes, it's too bad.

PJ I'll have to talk to them about that. Okay.

DR And then that-that cement over there in the corner, a lot of that is from (inaudible) fire took out the shop...

PJ Okay.

DR ...with all the cement we took that...

PJ And dragged that down here?

DR That's from there, and there's cement from ah, what else, there's cement from some other, some other buildings that I think we tore down or something that Dad dumped over there. Because I know we did that cement last summer. There was already a lot of stuff there. So.

PJ Okay, so we got the gravel pit, anything else that you think we can clear up today to get this to go any quicker?

DR Well the gravel pit's number one...

PJ Yeah.

DR ...(inaudible) how thorough do we want to be?

PJ Right.

DR (inaudible) get lucky and find something for you-you get lucky you want to solve...

PJ Well you have to admit you would like it-if it didn't look like we would come back to you, you'd like it solved too so then...

DR Oh yeah.

PJ ...you could-you're whole family...

DR That's why I'm here.

RS/62

PJ ...could relax. Right.

DR Yeah.

PJ Right.

DR And-and if this-this car thing I mean if this all pans out...

PJ Okay, I will, that's a promise, come, we will do that this sometime...

DR And the other-I...

PJ ...summer, end of summer.

DR ...the other thing is just to if, the person that I keep coming back to in my mind, he's dead. But.

PJ Did you tell me who that was or?

DR No I never said...

PJ Oh.

DR ...anything...

PJ Do you think you ever would or? Maybe sometime tell me?

DR I would if we can get this solved then and cleared...

PJ Okay.

DR ...clear my family's name.

PJ Well by you telling me somebody else to look at would that help clear or not really? The person that you're thinking that do-if I looked into that, would that help clear your name?

DR I just don't want trouble for that family.

PJ Okay.

DR You know what I mean that's why I don't...

PJ Well do you have any history that I'd be able to find without talking to the family or?

DR I-I keep getting the name mixed up because my dad doesn't want me to say anything...

PJ Right.

DR ...and-and it's a person that was down here and, and what you would have to do is find out what kind of car did he drive in 1989, did he have access to two...

PJ This person you're talking about?

DR Yeah.

PJ Oh okay. Well I can maybe do that, you decide if you want to tell me sometime then we'll look at that.

DR Okay. 'Cuz I-I go-I kinda know where he used-my dad said he, he lived in St. Joe (inaudible) lived and it's kinda a newer house and I go, when was t he house built...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...that kind of a thought...

RS/63

PJ And what would be the premise that you think that he may be somebody that I'd be interested in?

DR Because he was driving, from my memory, I remember, later, you know after just the thoughts that come in your mind that, god that guy's driving car like the one that turned around in the...

PJ Okay.

DR ...afternoon.

PJ So you're seeing two cars and that-and then is there anything beside the car, like his history or....

DR Well...

PJ ...mannerisms or?

DR ...I never knew him, and Dad said he would never hurt a fly, he-he-just an old man that didn't-he's probably right, that's why I hate even bringing it up or...

PJ There was no-no history of pedophile or anything like that or?

DR No.

PJ Was he ever married or?

DR I think he was married...

PJ No family history of anything...?

DR I-I-I don't...

PJ Yeah, okay, well like I said maybe sometime if you-or at that point we'll talk about him.

DR Yeah. Because I-I-I had a, you know, my dad said he was an alcoholic, lot of people were alcoholics...

PJ Right, yeah, just 'cuz you're an alcoholic doesn't mean...

DR Doesn't mean you would go kill somebody.

PJ No.

DR And-and maybe somebody had a, you know, access to his car, who knows...

PJ Right.

DR ...you know, drive his car around in the afternoon and then...

PJ So through the whole years and your family talks about and it's the frustration of us, law enforcement, nobody else is able to come up with any other ideas that they just wouldn't want to tell us 'cuz they were mad at us, as far as suspects you don't think? Like you don't, other aren't saying well I know it was so and so but, you know what I'm saying?

DR No, I'm not sure...

PJ When like you have your family has talked about this and this stupid Trish Van(inaudible) thing...

DR Yeah.

PJ ...and all that, nobody said well why didn't look at so and so 'cuz they're...

DR Oh.

RS/64

PJ ...nothing like that?

DR Well you know like that talk I had with Patty Wetterling, and I-I'll bring up a name...

PJ Yeah.

DR ...and I go because, well here's the thing, when I was first interviewed, that first week or day...

PJ Yep.

DR ...(inaudible)...

PJ '89? Yep.

DR What's that um, that ah, they kept-kept asking me who's-who's somebody that hates you, who's mad at you?

PJ Right.

DR And I thought about that over the years and I go, I only gave 'em one name at the time...

PJ I don't know if I know that name.

DR It was this band director at school that I didn't get along with. Bob Harris.

PJ Hum.

DR And he died many years...

PJ Yeah.

DR ...ago and...

PJ I don't remember-

DR ...he would have-he would have never, but I-my thought is maybe he's calling in to try to get me into trouble or...

PJ He could of, he could of.

DR ...but since then I thought about, at the time, Patty's-Patty and Jerry's neighbor.

PJ Who is that?

DR And I found out years-a few years later, that this guy hates me.

PJ Who is that?

DR Jim Thomas (sp?).

PJ Okay I don't know. What...

DR He's the (inaudible) repair man.

PJ Does he still live there now or?

DR No he doesn't live there...

PJ Oh, okay.

DR But it's kinda like okay, because I-a few years after that I worked with the All City Marching Band...

RS/65

PJ Okay.

DR ...and from my two years of experience with this guy...

PJ Through the band? Is that how you knew him?

DR From the band...

PJ Okay.

DR ...he was with the band, he had daughter in there, he was capable of just about anything.

PJ Okay.

DR I mean nicest guy, but I found out through some pretty bad experiences that he will say anything and be as nice as you can-well you know-you deal with...

PJ Yeah, yeah.

DR ...more people than I do...

PJ So...

DR ...and he will just go, he'd just take that knife and slice...

PJ But I mean (inaudible), would he be that mad in 1989 at you? Or when was the band thing?

DR Like I told Patty, I said, if he was mad at you...

PJ At Patty's you mean?

DR At the Wetterlings...

PJ Yep.

DR ...I would not put anything by what he was capable of doing.

PJ So he was that vindictive?

DR I think he is. I saw him deal with some students once and I'll nev-well more than once...

PJ Uh-huh.

DR ...and he-he is-he's (inaudible). He's very good at getting students to get riled up about stuff, he's very controlling, he-I mean could he do this? If he was mad at the Wetterlings, yes.

PJ Because he would have saw them-he could have seen those kids leave then if he lived-did he live right the across the-?

DR He lived right on the end, when you turn into Wetterling's...

PJ Yep.

DR ...he was-he's the...

PJ On the ri-right hand side?

DR The left hand side...

PJ Left hand side.

DR ...when you turn in.

PJ Okay.

DR And he was there and, let's say-let's say he did it.

PJ Okay.

DR Okay, well, he would have been a person that says well, would have pointed to me right away.

PJ Right. Okay.

DR And he would have been one that would have been...

PJ So he was that mad at you that he would do that to just over band stuff?

DR No.

PJ Oh, I was gonna say...

DR What I'm saying is, that's-that-that's...

PJ That's how-if he was mad at Jerry...

DR Between you and me this is all just...

PJ Speculation.

DR ...me thinking.

PJ Well I'm asking you what you're thinking, so.

DR Yeah and-and that would have been, if they, if he was mad at the Wetterlings...

PJ Okay.

DR ...and, oh and another thing that I should throw in here is, my-my brother Tony can vouch for me on this, when he would get mad at a kid...

PJ Yep.

DR ...like Tony was driving his, you know Tony was a young guy at the time, driving his ah, dirt bike around, and Tom was just, very upset with him.

PJ Yep.

DR And, my point is that, if he got upset with, you know why would he ask how old they were, though, you know. You know I-I...

PJ Well he wouldn't know the boys though.

DR Yeah, but you to throw 'em off.

PJ Yeah I mean, that's true, I didn't think that, he would have known Trevor and Jacob.

DR Yeah, and if he's mad at 'em, says how old are you, so, it's really insane what I'm saying, but...

PJ Well, I'm asking you for your opinions because you were here, you know the area, you've stayed here, you've had pressure from us so your...

DR Yeah.

PJ ...opinions is interesting to me and maybe it's something I'm not looking at.

DR And that, and the thing about it is, the cars I saw...

RS/67

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...that night, he-he always drove like a Volvo car, it wasn't him driving the car.

PJ Well-but he wouldn't have needed to drive through there if it woulda been him because he knew, I'm sure he had been to yard, he knew what the terrain looked like. The thought process on some of those vehicles is that they didn't know, when they went that-your driveway, either in the afternoon or whatever, they didn't really know what to expect at the end of the driveway 'cuz you can't really see, unless you've been there before.

DR Well my thought about that one hunter, that I'm thinking about...

PJ Okay.

DR ...I'll tell you about later, is, I always asked my mom and dad who knew that we weren't at home, and most likely the hunter never knew that I existed.

PJ Okay.

DR So when, if he was the guy that did that...

PJ Yep.

DR ...when they came down that night I had my light turned off, they never knew that I saw the car turning around.

PJ At night?

DR And somebody, you know the other question for Hamilton is, when you turned around...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...how many people were in your car, were you alone...

PJ He had his girlfriend with him at the time.

DR ...and was she looking out the window like this?

PJ Right. Yeah, he had a gir-girlfriend with him, we confirmed all that with her, we didn't just take his word for it, and I don't know why she would-she's our age now, they're not young people anymore, I mean...

DR Right.

PJ ...it's not-. Okay.

DR So, I, you know, okay, the, you know, it's like-

PJ So if I was to get a hold of you like a month or two to get-if I could get Hamilton here, would I just call your house or what to talk to you, because I don't...

DR The best thing would be to call my-I can give you my school number...

PJ Okay, because I really don't want to call your mom and dad, I don't think they want to talk to me...

DR Yeah.

PJ ...anymore after-okay. And they have reason to, I'm not-absolutely, so. So today, for today so we can get out of here, you think we've covered what you think?

RS/68

DR The problem is...

PJ We could walk up to the car I guess...

DR ...the problems is that you're not, I think (inaudible).

PJ (inaudible) not a suspect, what if you're somebody that we thought, what if you're one of many and you have the information, why would I listen to you, let's put it that way. If I thought-if I had enough to arrest you, I would have arrested you a long time ago, you know what I mean...

DR (inaudible)

PJ ...I have a list-I have a list of people that were here in the area (inaudible)-

DR Yeah. Um.

PJ You haven't had that much contact with us through the years if you think about it, so you would think if you-if we really thought we were right on you-me and you had one conversation in 2004, nobody talked to you for all those years before, it's seven years later, really? I mean if I really was gonna hound you I think I would have been hounding you a little bit in between there, but that's here...

DR Yeah.

PJ ...and there, but-.

DR Well like I said, I, I want-I want to everything I-people have told me I shouldn't talk to you, I've been advised that I shouldn't talk...

PJ Yeah.

DR ...to anybody, but I, it's like ah, that's not gonna help you guys...

PJ Clear you guys.

DR Yeah, if I buckle up and not say anything then, that's just not the way I am.

PJ How come I didn't see you yesterday though?

DR I was at school.

PJ Oh, okay.

DR I left at a quarter to seven.

PJ I was just kinda hoping that you could have helped with your folks and answer some of these questions yesterday.

DR Well my brother-I only found out about it about I would say it was three o'clock and (inaudible)...

PJ Okay.

DR And then...

PJ Because then your brother comes storming down there and where's Dan, it's like well we haven't seen Dan.

DR (inaudible).

RS/69

PJ Well they weren't out-they definitely settled down right away, but yeah they were, Rick was really hot.

DR Rick (inaudible)...

PJ Really really hot. You guys look a lot alike. And then Tony he-he-they both were absolutely calm after we talked to 'em. But they were upset because your mom and dad were so upset, so I would be the same way.

(pause)

DR That truck is coming so...

PJ Oh, okay. So am I gonna get blocked in here then or?

DR (inaudible)

PJ We can hurry up and turn around.

(pause)

DR Yeah it's ah needle in a haystack...

PJ I know. It's just that, in all honesty, we have these opportunities for these two dogs. So it's like...

DR Well have they sniffed that rock pile...?

PJ I'm gonna ask them that when we-.

DR (inaudible) center in on that rock pile. And then, you know, along the-the other thing that we didn't discuss along the um edges, they can really sniff something out that's been dead there for a long time?

PJ Um-hm.

DR Along the bottom you know.

PJ Yep, the-like the whole length of it?

DR Yeah it-no one would ever see something being buried there...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...but now if you're going along the premise where they had to do it in a hurry...

PJ Or-or-or maybe they didn't or they had the opportunity to come, because we're looking here now, I'm not good with mileage, would that be a half a mile from the road from here?

DR From right here to the mailbox, um, I, qua-it's a quarter of a mile from our sidewalk to the mailbox, so it's, it's not quite a half a mile, no, I would say maybe three-eighths of a mile.

PJ Okay. You know another part that we were kinda going back and forth when we interviewed you was this whole thing about what you could see from your bedroom. Let's look at that when we get in there, I'm still kinda-he said for the woodpile, because we said well why didn't ya call or come over and you said you could see him for the wood pile, the cops? Or what was that again?

DR My-um...

RS/70

PJ 'Member that conversation?

DR When I called 9-1-1 that night, um...

PJ That was when the cops were at the wood pile, though...

DR Right.

PJ ...that wasn't at nine o'clock, right?

DR No.

PJ That was like after the cops were already here?

DR The cops were already there, and I was-I was sleeping or whatever at that time I believe and, and then I woke up (inaudible) their big thing th-I think you were there with that...

PJ McDonald.

DR Was it McDonald?

PJ Yeah.

DR That why were you so upset on that phone?

PJ Is this my turn?

DR Yeah.

PJ Oh.

DR His big thing was why were you so upset or nervous about it, and, well, he looked into the 9-1-1 tape of the fire, you'd know...

PJ Oh, okay. (inaudible) tape of you calling in 9-1-1, that's why I think they kept asking you that back in the day. I don't think they ever recorded that.

DR But ah, (inaudible)...

PJ Well you can show me where exactly they turned around out here since we're here.

DR I-I, you know I kinda want to hear...

PJ Okay, before you tell me that...

DR Yeah...

PJ Oh, okay, that's okay.

DR ...I'm curious that, hear what he says, I don't want to have any...

PJ Okay, then we'll just leave that until that time, but we're gonna use the pictures though coming out here again with him. That would probably freak him out and that wouldn't make your mom and dad happy, I would really like to leave your mom and dad out of it...

DR Yeah.

PJ ...as much as we can. But if we could just maybe go over a little bit about the bedroom ,where the bedroom and where the windows are and stuff, we could do that right?

DR Yep.

(pause)

DR That's gonna take all my fun away, you're hauling all that stuff away. All that crap.

PJ Well, if they're done with sifting it and if wherever they go dump it you could go back and go through it if you want.

DR What?

PJ If that stuff out there...

DR We don't want that back (slight laugh).

PJ Oh, okay.

DR Tell 'em we don't want that stuff back.

PJ Okay. So let's go through that night once since I got you here and I won't be-ever be back here again, how-where were you and?

(short pause)

PJ I'll make sure they pick up all their garbage.

DR Oh I'll take the can...

PJ Oh okay, I mean I will, we won't leave any garbage here.

DR Did they need that chest for something?

PJ They had some interesting smells on that chest, the dogs hit on it, it was in the top of that, you know why it would be or?

DR Well, that's why we took it out of the house because it's so stinky.

PJ Like musty smell or?

DR Ah Mom said you know and her comment was that they wrecked it or something.

PJ That we wrecked it?

DR Yeah.

PJ Oh, we didn't wreck it, they just took it out of there and the dogs hit on it.

DR Let's go look at it.

PJ Okay.

DR They actually wrecked it.

PJ They did?

DR Yeah. They said they would pay for it.

PJ Okay. Oh, that was the chaise they think.

DR What, something else?

PJ That ah, lawn chair, the dogs hit on that lawn chair with this chest.

DR No it was, I think it was this.

RS/72

PJ Okay.

DR Yeah this is the thing that they broke that off.

PJ Okay, well we'll pay for it, if they broke it, we'll pay for it.

DR But anyway, yeah that thing, I don't know where Mom got it, but it...

PJ She said she got it from her-we can go up here-her sister's auction. Her sister's auction 30 years ago.

DR Okay.

(pause)

PJ Um. So the dogs hit on it, do you know if there was anything in it that the dogs would have been interested in or? Where was it at upstairs?

DR Um. I'd have to ask my mom.

PJ Okay.

DR I know they moved it out of the house because it...

PJ (inaudible) in here.

DR I think it was in the hallway upstairs, and it was so smelly.

PJ Right. They hit on that and they hit on a couple other things in that room, do you have any idea why?

(short pause)

PJ What did you guys use this back for in '89?

DR '89? Well there wasn't oats in here anymore. Um, just a lot of, storage basically, just storage.

PJ I mean was there animals in here or?

DR Lot of mice, I'll show ya. You can still see it. I mean you can just smell it. But, like, this is back 30 years ago I started catching mice, and I would mark down...

PJ Oh, okay.

DR But, and I still have those mousetraps.

PJ So if they were to find, hit something in here, because they thought there was blood splatter, blood in here, what would it be from?

DR If they thought it was splattered blood?

PJ Yeah.

DR Um. (short pause), (sigh), (pause).

PJ Was there-did they butcher chickens in here or?

DR Hummm. Boy I don't think so. There was oats in here, oats would come out through, it's been repaired...

PJ Yep.

RS/73

DR ...oats would come out through there, it would fill up with oats, both sides, um, after that, um, just storage like this and why would there be, if it really was blood splattered on something...

PJ It's blood, I don't know if it's human or animal.

DR What kind of material was it on?

PJ It was on, it's on that che-well, they think it was on the outside of the chest, and then it was on that...

DR And how much blood...

PJ ...that lawn chair thing that your mom said we took.

DR Oh the lawn chair had blood on it?

PJ Yeah that's what she was upset that we took, that would be it.

DR Well my only thought would be-right away would be, we had a dog once.

PJ Okay.

DR That got two legs cut off from the mower...

PJ What dog woulda that been, you know?

DR It was the dog before we had Cassie. So it was nine, ten years ago, and she got her...

PJ Did they put her on the lawn chair do you think or, let's go stand outside it's hot in here.

DR Yeah, it's possible that something got on from something from an injured animal like that. That's my first thought of that dog.

PJ Well, in-common sense tells you it's animal, okay, absolutely.

DR Yeah.

PJ But if we're gonna run the dogs and they're gonna hit 'em we're gonna test it...

DR Right.

PJ ...we're not just gonna say we thought it was animal that would make us look like a complete bunch of idiots so.

DR That's-that's you know as far as human blood if it's any amount of human blood, it could be that somebody cut their hand or something and blood dripped somewhere, I, laying on that...

PJ Yeah. They'll be able to tell once they get it back to the lab, they'll be able to tell what kind of blood it is, so. That's why we took it.

DR But I, my guess would be, injured dog, but-. Yeah.

PJ So that chest was just up in one of the bedrooms?

DR It was in, up, I believe that chest was up in the hallway. Up in the hallway and I remember it smelled, I remember-

PJ So if there was blood on the outside of it, it would had to come after the-they moved in the shed then?

DR Yeah, I couldn't tell you when that happened, I, if there's blood on there-.

PJ So they-this car come and you're not gonna tell me where, but you're up in that top bedroom...?

DR Yep.

PJ ...facing that way then, facing the driveway? The whole time when everything was going on...?

DR Well...

PJ ...that's the window you're looking out?

DR ...the car that turned around, I'm even-my memories almost...

PJ Okay.

DR ...going on that, but I, the brown tan car...

PJ Okay.

DR ...the big car that turned around in the afternoon, my memory is ah, my memory is that when I saw that car, I saw it there and I saw it, I ran to the other side and saw it flying up the hill.

PJ Okay.

DR That's my memory...

PJ And that's the one in the afternoon or the day-at night?

DR The day-the day...

PJ The night. The day one.

DR And then the one at night I saw from that window up there...

PJ So that's your bedroom right there?

DR That first window up on top.

PJ Okay. Both of those windows are your bedroom? On this side?

DR Yeah.

PJ One and two?

DR Yeah.

PJ Okay. And that's the window you saw the cars out of?

DR That one.

PJ And then you had a window towards the-facing there too is your bedroom right, in the front of the house there's a window?

DR Yeah but the wood pile, when I heard that racquet...

PJ Yeah 'cuz the wood pile's over there, so...

DR I would think that I would probably would have-it would have been October...

PJ Who's in the other-who's bedroom was on the other side then?

DR Nobody was there.

PJ Oh, okay.

DR But. I can't remember now if I looked out that window or ran to the other side and looked out toward that way where the commotion was, I think what woke me up was whoever the dog we had at the time was barking. I think that's what woke me up and...

PJ Okay.

DR ...that's what I saw. And I did go up there.

PJ Right.

DR I mean...

PJ Well that was at nine o'clock you went up there right or did you go up there at eleven?

DR I went up there when the police were there.

PJ Okay. Yeah at eleven or whenever you called 9-1-did you go up there before you called 9-1-1 then or did you call 9-1-1 then you went up there, I can't remember what you said...

DR I went up there after I called.

PJ Okay.

DR I walked up the road.

PJ Okay.

DR And I did talk to some officer.

PJ Yeah, okay.

DR So. Yeah.

PJ Any other thoughts that you thought of, that you wish you would have-we would have talked about that we would do now? It's twelve o'clock.

DR Yeah.

(short pause)

DR Well. The thought now is, that whole rock pile...

PJ I know I'll have to tell those guys about that rock pile...

DR ...that would take-that would-if you don't smell anything...

PJ If we don't smell anything I don't think they'd be digging.

DR Yeah.

PJ We have to have a hit, it's a needle in a haystack like you said.

DR They gotta hit on the ashes...

PJ Yeah.

DR ...and you know why that is?

PJ Huh-uh.

DR Burnt animals.

PJ From?

RS/76

DR From, the (inaudible) skunks, mice, um badgers, woodchucks...

PJ You'd throw them in the burning barrel and then...

DR They go-they go into the bar-burning barrel, Dad usually puts them there...

PJ Well that makes sense then.

DR That's why they're getting that, probably, that's probably why the dog, I mean how-. I mean through that ask and everything, yeah. I hate to say it but I think-. If the dogs don't smell anything on the rock pile-. Obviously, obviously I-. I'm trying to help you.

PJ I know you are. And that's why-that's what I said-I said I thought we-we're-you're cooperative with me and I thought we were okay to talk and...

DR Yeah...

PJ ...then I didn't know, yesterday when your mom well he's not coming out here, I didn't know if that was 'cuz we were here, or, I just thought well, somebody should be here for your mom and dad and-. And they're pretty protective parents, like parents would be too you know.

DR Yeah. Yeah. I don't know what to do about that Trish Van (inaudible) I just...

PJ Well...

DR ...I know you said got to get a lawyer for that...

PJ I mean we can't-if you guys wanted to arrest her, but what are we gonna arrest her on?

DR Well basically...

PJ I mean that's the issue, you know...

DR She, somebody, I-I go if I don't sue them, somebody has to at that station has to take a look at...

PJ Well you're a teacher pen 'em a letter and say what the world. I mean...

DR What-what are-you know or go onto another T.V. stat-but then you're just making trouble for Mom and Dad you know...?

PJ Yeah.

DR But...

PJ If you take your mom and dad out of it, then would it bother you so much what she says? If you-of you weren't worried about your mom and dad?

DR Well...

PJ I mean...

DR ...I would want to get justice...

PJ Right, but you would if it wasn't for Mom and Dad?

DR Yeah.

PJ Okay.

DR For me I think I could handle it, but then who knows where they pull the plug on your job, they go...

RS/77

PJ Yeah.

DR ...you know.

PJ They don't seem to be, too affected down there, I've never-they seem to be very supportive of you at (inaudible) and all the schools, and I've never heard them not be, but you know more than me, but-

DR Yeah.

PJ In our (inaudible) we don't hear that they have issues with anything.

DR But a problem is you hear something too late, well now our decision is made.

PJ Well they couldn't, they'd have to be careful what they did if there's been no arrests or anything.

DR yeah.

PJ I mean they would have to be careful, they can't just, allegations and-no one's accus-the thing is as I told your mom, no one's accusing Dan today. This search. This search is of the Rassier property, but it's not Dan Rassier search, I think...

DR Okay.

PJ ...that's the-the media is taking it to be a Dan Rassier thing, this is a search of the property, because Jacob was taken up here.

DR Right.

PJ I mean. If we were to search Dan Rassier, I think me and you would have been having a little talk about this before.

DR Yeah.

PJ It's-you know and that-but they're intertwaining both of 'em so.

DR Yeah, you know, and I mentioned the silo bottoms?

PJ Um-hm.

DR The problem with that your dogs are probably, if they get a hit on that, (inaudible) all these animals...

PJ Yeah.

DR ...have died or burned.

PJ Yeah.

DR The silo I know has dead animals that have like we know that a, a cat that we really adored...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...we didn't...

PJ Fell in.

DR ...it got in that silo and we figured it got to heavy...

PJ Oh.

RS/78

DR ...couldn't get out and it died down there.

PJ Okay.

DR And so there's dead animals in there too. Obviously you can't take a back hoe in there, you'd have to do it all by hand...

PJ Right.

DR But, I mean, I'm saying, if I did something like that, you know, who would-who would ever, I mean there's other places I didn't even mention that-. That, you know, how do you clear your name?

PJ Right.

DR Do you-do you have the-.

PJ The thing is we haven't officially ever put your name out. So that's kinda the hard thing too. We've never said Dan Rassier's a suspect, so if-how-if I come back and say now well Dan Rassier's not a suspect, oh, so you're saying he was a suspect, they're assuming you're a suspect, Trish got onto you that you were a suspect, but we've never ever publicized anything that you're a suspect.

DR Yeah.

PJ So now if I do that I'm kinda feeding into Trish's thing too, it's like, I might know that I looked at you and pulled you in and thought you were suspect due to the fact that you're here etcetera, etcetera, but we never told her that, you know what I'm saying? So if I say you're clear...

DR Well you know what-the first thing that happened five years ago was I was at school late that night...

PJ Yep.

DR ...or it was a Friday night, and ah, and she, I didn't realize that at the time, but they're taping me coming out of the school...

PJ Okay.

DR ...get in the car, they follow me here, and ah, and then she's waiting down here already, the guy, the camera guy I think was in the other vehicle...

PJ Um-huh.

DR ...and I drive up to the house because of car's loaded with stuff, and ah, she's running up to me with the camera guy behind her, yelling did you do it, did you do it...

PJ Um-hm. You didn't say nothing, you just ran in the house right?

DR I just said put the camera away and-and I should have left it at that and gone in the house and locked the door but, like what I'm doing with you I...

PJ You're gabbing.

DR ...talked to her. And I'm...

PJ Oh.

DR ... trusting you're not gonna do what she did.

RS/79

PJ No I-like I said officially I've never done that, I've never put your name out there because...

DR Right.

PJ ...because...

DR Yeah.

PJ You've read enough, well maybe you don't cop books, but seen enough...

DR Or CSI...

PJ ...so you see how you have to be careful with that, if you burn-if you burn somebody once they're not gonna talk to you again.

DR Yeah.

PJ What's the sense of that, I can't burn you-if I'm not gonna arrest you I'm surely not gonna burn you.

DR Well I-to be honest that's how I felt after...

PJ I know.

DR ...I talked to you that last time.

PJ I know. I know. But we had to bring it up a little bit, and we did, but we've left you alone. Um. The only thing-one thing before you leave is I would like you to-can you take that shotgun with you today and put it in your trunk? In case your dad comes back later we don't have this whole deal. Would that be such a bad thing? Or would he get mad at you? I'm just am afraid that if for some reason he comes...

DR I could be them in my trunk and then tell-would I get in trouble if I got pulled over somewhere?

PJ No, they can be in your trunk...

DR Okay.

PJ ...you can have them, but I'm thinking maybe we-before you leave me here...

DR Take 'em a put 'em in the trunk.

PJ Don't you think? I just don't want to have-because that's what's gonna set the alarms off again, if he would get into the house, and he came out, you don't want him arrested. And they would arrest him...

DR Yeah.

PJ ...in a heartbeat.

DR Yeah.

PJ I mean that's-before you leave, I'm not rushing and I'm not in a hurry at all, but let's just, let's just put those guns in and then you can give it back to him and then you and your brother sometime have to kinda think if your dad's seriously considering harming himself if he should have that there. If this is-if he's gonna sit and fuss about this the next couple days do you really want him to have that gun there?

DR Yeah.

RS/80

PJ There's a lot of suicides for really dumb reasons, you know, and this isn't a dumb reason, but I'm just saying for a lot less, so.

DR Yeah.

PJ Maybe you can talk to one of your brothers later, whoever, I don't really know your family dynamics, but. But if...

DR Well, anyway.

PJ Either that or you-you go put them in the sa-you hide them somewhere...

DR No.

PJ ...that he ain't go know, yeah.

DR I think the best place is in the trunk, and just...

PJ Okay.

DR ...telling Dad I have...

PJ Then he can't think we took 'em...

DR Because I tried-that's what I was trying to get him to say Dad-they-the alternative, is that you know, you...

PJ Take them up to Tony's or something.

DR ...(inaudible) he basically flipped out...

PJ Yeah, (inaudible) just ran 'em up to Tony's, but he thought we were-we were gonna keep 'em, but if you take them then...

DR Oh he just felt like...

PJ And you don't even have to tell him they're in your trunk until he comes back.

DR ...he felt his rights were...

PJ Right, and...

DR ...(inaudible) not rights at all you know.

PJ But you do realize they do have a search warrant right? That we're here on a search warrant, right?

DR Right.

PJ Okay.

DR Yeah, I don't know how...

PJ I don't think your mom and dad kinda-you-I mean you know that, but I don't know...

DR But what is all the stuff in the media about, they-they feel like they're not, it's not fair that they, your search warrant has restrictions on it?

PJ 'Cuz we, we're not telling them we have a search warrant, and we're not filing so they can look at it. They don't-our-the judge said they we can't say, I can tell you, if the search warrant (inaudible) our jud-the judge told us, basically just to keep you guys' privacy, we can't tell them

we're doing a search warrant on the Rassier farm. We-we can't we got a judge order saying we can't.

DR Okay, so why...

PJ So it's sealed...

DR ...what are they...

PJ They're assuming that we have a search warrant.

DR But they don't really know you have one?

PJ No.

DR And you do have one.

PJ We have one.

DR Okay.

PJ And you will-and that's something else I need to leave a copy of a receipt, supposed to leave it in the house that says this is what we took, we-your brother has the affidavit, which is the search warrant...

DR Okay.

PJ ...and then we need to leave you a copy of the receipt that what we took. And that's supposed to be in a secure portion, so...

DR Can I go look at that load?

PJ Sure, you want me to stop them, or what?

DR Yeah.

PJ Okay.

(pause)

PJ He wants to look at the load.

DR I just want to look at it.

(pause/inaudible background)

PJ He thinks we should be hitting the rock pile, everything we're digging up here is just ashes from the last 20 years, so he wanted to know if we went through the rock pile, and he wants to see what we're...

DR Basically you're digging up, you're digging up ash that-that's new ash, and you're, you're not even...

PJ Getting underneath the...

DR ...and the reason the dogs are hitting on it is probably 'cuz all the dead animal remains in the ash from skunks to badgers to, you know, I'm just trying to help...

?? Appreciate that.

RS/82

PJ So he was saying, that the rocks would be more of an interest for the dogs than the ash where we're digging right now would be we're not even underneath what was there before Tony...

DR Try to get to the point 20 years ago, you're gonna have to take 20 loads out. So, just-.

PJ Okay.

(pause/inaudible conversation)

PJ You told 'em.

DR I told 'em.

PJ Yep you told 'em.

DR I don't (inaudible) make sure they don't bring that back.

PJ Okay, we won't, if you don't want it, we won't bring it back.

DR No.

PJ No.

DR Can you make sure that happens?

PJ Yep, yep, we'll just dispose of it as long as your dad doesn't say he wants it back.

DR No because we-it-when they're taking that stuff...

PJ Yep.

DR ...it's crap.

PJ Okay.

DR It's nails, it's-it's cra-it's almost like I'm gonna tell my dad the good news.

PJ Okay. Well tell 'em when we're gone though, don't you think? Or?

DR Well I'll tell them they're taking all the stuff...

PJ Okay.

DR ...like we're worried they're taking extra gravel...

PJ Okay. Oh-oh that's good, I mean I just don't want them to make 'em any upset...

DR I should have just let 'em keep...

PJ No we'll keep-we'll throw it away then.

DR Yeah, but I-I shoulda-shouldn't be telling you this because we want it out of there.

PJ No. That's the least we can do is do that.

DR (laughs)

PJ I want to-I want your dad-as mad as he will be I want him to, the least amount of pressure and stress he is I want.

DR Now they're thinking ah, he's probably hiding something huh?

PJ No. Those other guys don't even know who you are, so.

DR Ah.

PJ (laughs) (inaudible) they've already met-they've already seen Tony, they've already se-seen Rick, so they don't know which brother you are, you got how many brothers?

DR Five brothers.

PJ Okay, so they don't know nothing. Tony was up here a lot, Rick was here for a little bit, but Tony came and gone all day yesterday so.

DR Yeah, I-.

PJ So.

DR I don't know, I probably (inaudible).

PJ Well I don't think you've said anything to me that you haven't ever said before either Dan, so. As far as if you're worried about saying something or-. I would just like this to be done. I'd like to leave so the church people can come and get their stuff, hopefully you guys can make your mom and dad feel a little bit better in the next couple days. Um. They're not, you know, we're not gonna-if we don't come out of here saying we found Jacob's body, after tomorrow this is done. They think we-they must think that we have Jacob's body. That's what I'm thinking why they're here, I'm thinking they think we have Jacob's body, don't you think?

DR Well they-I think they're thinking...

PJ That...

DR ...probably at this point that...

PJ They're seeing...

DR ...they-they know you're taking something out now...

PJ Right. So they think we have information...

DR ...or something.

PJ ...where Jacob is.

DR Yeah.

PJ Yeah.

DR And in my mind, you're just taking away a lot of...

PJ Right.

DR ...burnt old animals. You know.

PJ But now we've been here. And I know it's 20 years after the fact, and I know I-I totally a hundred percent under-but then we're done here, we don't have to come back for anymore that's why I want to make sure that, nobody comes back and goes well didn't you guys do this? That's why I was kinda asking ya. I don't want-I don't want someone...

DR The rock pile is on my mind...

PJ Okay.

DR ...and why would I encourage you to go there because I...

RS/84

PJ Right.

DR ...want it over too.

PJ Right.

DR And that's my, of course, you know, if this guy-we-later if we talk about that one guy, that older hunter...

PJ But if I-when we do that though we're just gonna talk to him and we ca-I don't want you to...

DR He's dead, he's dead.

PJ Oh, okay, that guy. I thought you meant when I have Hamilton come.

DR Oh Hamilton...

PJ Yeah.

DR ...too, yeah.

PJ And if he seems to deset-deceitful and stuff then you just gotta let us do more of the arguing and you get his story and then you tell me what you think...

DR Yeah.

PJ Yeah. We'll do that, but I don't want to do that 'till Fall, so. I want to give your mom and dad a peace of mind I don't want them to think that we're doing anything after this...

DR (inaudible)

PJ ...because I told 'em we'd be done.

DR For me it would be better if you did it in the summer time, we're I got more time...

PJ Oh okay, so like in August maybe?

DR Any-any...

PJ Okay.

DR Even in July.

PJ Okay.

DR I mean, I'd-I'd rather...

PJ Okay, we'll do it, we'll do it before school starts.

DR Because if he-if he...

PJ If he'll do it.

DR Yeah, he might-he might...

PJ I think he would if it's for the help of the case. If he doesn't think I'm looking at him for another reason. If you can convince me that he came in during the day...

DR He's your man.

PJ If-if-if you-I'm not-if-but if he-you could convince me of that by the way his story, if he seems nervous or whatever, then I'd-that'd be good. But, right now I'm thinking him and his girlfriend

heard the scanner and turned around, but we'll look into that if he came in during the day, then that would make sense. But you gotta admit if he only came in after the scanner and didn't come in earlier it would (inaudible)...

DR It's yeah...

PJ Okay.

DR You know I-the other thing that you could check on is, what if he had access to a bigger car like I described in the afternoon, a brown...

PJ Because that was his girlfriend's car.

DR That they came around at night?

PJ Um-hm. That's his girlfriend's car.

DR Do you know what kinda car it was?

PJ No.

DR Color?

PJ (sigh) I would hate to say without going...

DR Yeah.

PJ ...looking at my reports.

DR But it would be interesting to hear...

PJ Was it red?

DR ...did he have access, to a-okay the girlfriend's car at night...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...what car, did he have access to a tan bigger car in the afternoon?

PJ Okay.

DR If he-if he did...

PJ But I obviously didn't ask him anything about the afternoon.

DR Oh if somehow maybe through, I don't know if they keep records that long...

PJ Well some of them I have, but-.

DR ...about what kinda car did he-he own...?

PJ Okay.

DR ...back in '89? What did he drive?

PJ So if I have you come and do that and he agrees to come and do that, you're not gonna go to the press and say we did that?

DR (slight laugh) No, no.

PJ Okay.

DR No. But I-I've often thought over 20 years if I ever would see a car turn around...

RS/86

PJ But now the cars are so different to though, I mean-. Oh you mean just...

DR Yeah come in the yard...

PJ Yeah, okay...

DR ...and turn around like that it's never happened.

PJ Okay.

DR And it happened that day twice.

PJ Which is very weird, I agree with you on that. I could just never get past that guy though if he's-if he did go with that girlfriend, I just never could get past that part, but. After he came during the day then he's-would be total deceitful about the whole thing.

DR Yeah I-I-I highly, I think he-I think his story's gonna be ah that he simple wasn't the car that I saw.

PJ Okay.

DR Either one.

PJ Yep, no this is-I know it was his girlfriend's car. That-that I know for sure. And it makes sense to me that they're listening to the scanner, that made sense to me too. Just because back in the day everybody did that, I don't know if they do it anymore but.

DR Yeah.

(short pause)

PJ So you get up every day that early, go to school and then you just come home later?

DR I've been, it's a little weird this summer but I've been, my job is changing so much, um, with my broken foot I'm not supposed to run as much so that's part of the whole thing I've been, it's sick I know it is...

PJ No I have a girlfriend that's a runner. What's sick is that she has tennis shoes every where she goes.

DR But I mean to go to school on your free...

PJ Oh that part. Well I don't know, I didn't know (inaudible)...

DR (inaudible) every day 'cept two days...

PJ I guess if you're doing other things besides just work I guess it isn't so bad.

DR Right it keeps me busy and I feel like I'm organizing stuff. Ah. Yeah I-all these people that you have with you, you know.

PJ Well most of them are lab people. They got four in that BCA lab, and then those people that were under that tent, they're more lab people, out at the (inaudible) pit. Cop wise, I don't have hardly any cops here, but-. So.

(pause)

PJ Well-ah-to be frank with you I'm interested about that chest I guess or that blood in that-on that-in that room.

RS/87

DR Did you see the blood that (inaudible)...

PJ No, they had to spray Luminal on it, but-.

DR Oh.

PJ That-if you say that it was in that coop that long, then...

DR You know, if it was up in that building, if it was stored up there, well, where did my par-mom say she got it?

PJ From your aunt. At an auction 30 years ago.

DR Would that blood be blood for even before...

PJ Yeah.

DR ...that?

PJ Maybe. And it might be and it might be animal or whatever.

DR Yeah.

PJ Um. But it was-it was in the house in 1989, so if a person was to look to see if somebody such as you would have put him in that chest...

DR Yeah.

PJ ...I mean obviously that's what I'm getting at...

DR Right.

PJ ...I'll just tell you right there. If you were to take Jacob and put him in that chest, okay...

DR Yeah.

PJ But he wouldn't-wouldn't have been in that chest decomposing so that kind-'cuz he was still would have been up in the chest, so that really wouldn't have made much sense, you know what I mean?

DR Yeah, well they...

PJ Yeah.

DR ...search, when did they search the house? A week later, yeah. I went to a wedding that day and they...

PJ Yeah, and then you think about it they shouldn't (laugh) didn't do much since to search a week later, but we won't get into everything that me and you've discussed about what they did back then, so-.

DR You know that, to wrap this up, I mean what is it gonna take, in my mind you can't wrap it up, that's the problem...

PJ The pr-the search-the property search, we'll never get another opportunity to come back here, so...

DR You don't think-the search warrant, they wouldn't give you another one...

PJ Unless I got something...

RS/88

DR ...(inaudible) probable cause...

PJ I don't think-I think they said-I think this is you guys got you-opportunity, you got these blood dogs or these cadaver dogs in, this is your day, do it be done, I don't think we'd ever get more-unless somebody came up some new information, yeah, but no. I think this is one of those deals, they didn't think it's intrusive, for search warrants I know you're not a search warrant person, but it's basically pretty nonintrusive, we're not, you know, open fields in Minnesota you almost don't even need a search warrant for, and I think that's basically why it wasn't-they didn't feel it was that intrusive of a search warrant-I'm not asking you for your blood, I'm not asking you for...

DR Yeah.

PJ ...um, but no I think, we'd say this is what the sheriff would say did, if he could say we did a search which we can't at this time, but he'd say, we did the best search we could. Did we find anything, no, but it's the best search we could do, with what we had. We have two dogs, we have two ladies, three dogs, two ladies.

DR Yeah.

PJ We got 80 acres, you-you tell me we did the best that we could with what we had. You know.

DR Yeah, ev-even down you know that beyond that gravel pit you see that...

PJ Yep.

DR ...green...

PJ That meadow or whatever...

DR ...that's swap area...

PJ Yeah.

DR ...there's a guy last fall that, I think it was last fall, when it was colder...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...he got stuck in that mud, in the mud down there, you know like they used to dig for limestone or something...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...he actually got stuck in there, a hunter, and he would...

PJ Oh yeah, we went out there...

DR ...he would have died if he didn't have a cell phone.

PJ Okay yeah our cops were out-called to that.

DR Yeah. So you look at that and, you go, the place is-well even that Josh out at St. John's...

PJ Yeah.

DR ...if somebody, if somebody was involved with Josh...

PJ I think he went in the water do you think?

DR Wh-why wouldn't they be able to find that body in that...

PJ But did you see the news the other da-do you watch a lot of the news, you see the other day where they had that girl that went in that um car accident like in April?

DR Okay.

PJ And she drowned and they-and they never found her body, did you hear they just found her and she was from here to that BCA lab away from where they dived.

DR Really.

PJ So.

DR So, Josh could be in there...

PJ Dr. McGee who's the forensic um, pathologist for the-for Stearns County says that some bodies down, get snagged, they never come up.

DR Okay.

PJ That's but now other theor-other investigators, like you see on the news, they're gonna say, no, that's, you know, that's not what it is, but sometimes I think-I think he's in the water. But.

DR Yeah.

PJ That's one of those you don't know, 'cuz Jacob's we know somebody took him. Josh (inaudible) at St. John's you can't say that one...

DR If he fell in the water and yeah...

PJ 'Cuz a lot of those college students-kids, they drink and they go take a leak in water and they end up in the water and I don't know, you're a guy, I don't get that whole deal about guy's going to the water when they've been drinking, but.

DR Ah.

PJ Sure seems to be some...

DR There wasn't ice on the lake yet was there, no?

PJ No, it was the early November, just before deer hunting.

DR Yeah.

PJ But. But all the warrant says, um, nine buildings, and all the property. They did not have a search warrant for the house, they could try to get a search warrant based on that chest, but we don't have a search warrant right now.

DR Yeah.

PJ And if they did that they could run the dogs through the house if they got a search warrant for that.

DR Yeah, then you would want Mom out of there.

PJ Well if we were to do that Dan...

DR Yeah.

PJ ...I would call you right now and-and we'd do it this afternoon...

RS/90

DR Oh.

PJ ...if they were gonna do that, I don't want to call your mom back over, I want...

DR Are...

PJ ...to leave here and be done.

DR Are they analyzing that...

PJ Right.

DR ...(inaudible) right now?

PJ So they're looking at that and they're looking to see if we should try to go up and see where that bedroom, unless you wanted to show me, but I'm not gonna...

DR Where the chest was?

PJ Yeah.

DR I can show you where...

PJ But I mean...

DR ...it was.

PJ ...I don't wanna get you in trouble with your family or anything.

DR I don't have to tell 'em that.

PJ Yeah. But I mean that's what they're doing, I'm-I'm being straight forward with you they're looking to see if we need to get a search warrant to go search-run the dogs through the house. Your mom's immaculate, okay, there isn't going to be anything we know that, in there but...

DR Yeah.

PJ Um. That's kinda why I kinda was hoping that you'd stick around a little bit so if we did that you could just let us in and we could do that quick and we-and I'd have a warrant and then you...

DR Yeah.

PJ ...wouldn't-we wouldn't have to do anything...

DR Yeah.

PJ And then your mom and dad wouldn't be able to be upset with you because if I have a warrant then they can't do nothing about it.

DR Yeah.

PJ I just don't want to make your-I just don't want to upset them anymore then they have to be.

DR Yeah.

(short pause)

DR You know down where they are by that, corn crib...

PJ That's where your dad said you had some buried in the back huh?

RS/91

DR We buried, I know I personally myself buried two dogs for sure, maybe three, and I remember burying a rabbit down there, a rabbit...

PJ Yeah your dad said two dogs for sure.

DR Yeah. I can tell you where they're buried almost exactly.

PJ I think your dad should the sheriff that that day.

DR And. Who knows, ah. I don't know those cadaver dogs could they-are they really able to distinguish...

PJ Well they said that...

DR ...human remains from a mouse?

PJ They said that they have um they-they study them in clandestine graves, that one gal says they have ten finds, documents finds, because you need that for the search warrant...

DR Yeah.

PJ ...and they found old people bones.

DR Really?

PJ So.

DR What's this truck?

PJ That is the truck that had that (inaudible)-sifting, that's the truck that had all the sifting stuff...

DR Oh.

PJ ...and it had that gator hooked up behind it.

DR So they're kinda finishing up down there maybe.

PJ I'm thinking. I'm hoping-I'm hoping so.

(pause)

DR Yeah that's the trouble now if he really would be buried down there and they did bury him in the side of that hill there...

PJ Yeah.

DR ...you didn't even come close to it.

PJ I know. I kinda thought that...

DR That's what makes me feel like...

PJ Really? I know. You're thinking really?

DR My-my message to dad will be, Dad, you-we just got a lot a junk...

PJ Free hauling...

DR Free junk...

PJ Yeah. Yeah if anything you could do to make him feel a little bit better for your sake, that'd probably be okay.

DR Yeah.

(pause)

DR They musta had the rock pile, I mean...

PJ Ah they had to have run those dogs through there I guess I would thought-I mean I tell them now.

DR You did tell them?

PJ Well just when me and you were standing there 'member? When you were talk-looking at that dirt I said that you-that we should make sure the rock pile.

DR Yeah.

(pause)

DR Yeah.

(pause)

PJ So...

DR The only-the only way to get this all done with is to have him walk in alive or find his remains.

PJ Yeah.

(pause)

DR Wouldn't that be something if he was...

PJ They took him from...

DR ...living in St. Joe somewhere locked up all this time, wouldn't that be something.

PJ I think that more he'd be gone somewhere and he's living a normal life like in California and someone brainwashed...

DR He didn't even realize who he was anymore.

PJ Of course he was 11 so.

DR That'd be-well that...

PJ You see a few cases, you saw that one Johnny Orbeck (sp?) or whatever his name was or Shawn Orbeck (sp?) I guess.

(pause)

DR Wow you can almost hear that corn grow.

PJ That's what your dad said, this was the best looking corn he's ever seen.

(pause)

DR Looks like that was gonna be their last load anyway.

PJ Yeah-

DR They wouldn't listen to me, really would they listen to me...

RS/93

PJ They might listen to you. I said in all honesty I was hoping that-that you woulda came yesterday because I was gonna ask you what I did today, so I'm glad that...

DR Oh.

PJ ...I did. But I wasn't gonna call you or anything 'cuz then it would like I'm calling Dan Rassier rather than just the property so I wasn't going to do that...

DR Yeah. Yeah.

PJ Because I, they told me that you came right after I, I just missed you.

DR Do you have a card or something?

PJ Yep, I'll get you my card I got it over here.

(pause)

DR Yeah.

PJ Then I...

DR So is that guy here, is that the guy that, was doing all the talking four years-five years ago?

PJ When me and him, you, when we interviewed you?

DR That-that was sitting, you were sitting there...

PJ Yep, he's here, that's when I said...

DR That's the guy that was walking...

PJ Yeah, and you said, we left that day, in the lobby, you said to me I don't like that guy.

DR Did I say that?

PJ Do you remember that? Yeah. 'Member we were in the lobby of the, LEC?

DR I re-I remember saying...

PJ Yeah.

DR ...(inaudible) and you said well you took it pretty well or something...

PJ Um-hm, yeah and you go I don't like that guy, I'm not talking to him and-obviously you didn't mean it too much if you still-if you forgot that.

DR I can't-he just didn't look like the same guy (inaudible)...

PJ Well it's been a few years, he's a little-you know, older, it was '04...

DR (inaudible) older, yeah...

PJ That was seven years ago, or six years ago already. Seven years this, well when did we call you in, I don't even remember was it in April?

DR It was February.

PJ February. So.

DR Around there, yeah. Yeah.

PJ So you lived here your whole life so pretty much all your belongings are in your room and all this stuff in these other rooms isn't yours?

DR I can show you what's mine.

PJ I mean I'm just curious, we don't have to go into detail, but I mean, so (inaudible) in that room and...

DR Anything in that, this one that we were in...

PJ Yeah. And then that end one is where all your recyclable stuff is, your mom told me that in the garage...

DR (inaudible) my car is pulled up, and I got most of the stuff in there is just, you know, junk.

PJ Um-hm.

DR And. And then above that garage I have a whole ton of instrument boxes, broken music stands, um, and then some family stuff. You know old bikes stuff like that.

PJ Um-hm. Up above there? On the other side where we're in here?

DR Yeah.

PJ Can you get there all the way through?

DR If you want to look.

PJ Yeah let's go look once since we're waiting around.

DR You must have looked yesterday.

PJ Well I didn't know who's was who. They-they ran the dogs through there and-. I wouldn't known that, 'cuz you guys got like other people's storage stuff back there in that big chicken barn, it's like...

DR Well we have...

PJ ...old snowmobiles and...

DR Yeah.

(pause)

PJ So this would be, holly buckets.

DR This is ah-. Smells like the other one.

PJ Um-hm.

DR But, there's some very old stuff in here.

PJ Um-hm.

DR I've saved-these are broken...

PJ So those you bring in, these boxes, do you brink these to recycle or why are you into so many boxes.

DR Well they're just such nice big boxes that I-. Looks like somebody opened that, but...

PJ Well they would've ran the dogs through here, yesterday I'm sure.

RS/95

DR This is my bike.

PJ Um-hm.

DR And that one.

PJ They're old.

DR Yeah. That poster?

PJ Um-hm.

DR My brother, when I was a kid was a drum-he had his drum set up here...

PJ Yep.

DR ...and that was one of his posters (inaudible) so we still have it up here.

PJ Hum.

DR But. Yeah.

PJ Yeah you like boxes.

DR When I see a good box...

PJ I see that (laughs), I don't know why but-.

DR Well I use them for....

PJ Storage?

DR ...I bring a lot of stuff to Python's.

PJ Oh, okay. Oh so...

DR I tried to bring all the plastic, I don't-my parents, get tired of me, don't throw that in the garbage...

PJ Yeah she told me, she said he has-I won't even finish a Wheaties box and Dan's grabbing it from me.

DR Well don't burn that.

PJ Yep.

DR So.

(long pause)

DR Yeah.

PJ I mean it's 12:30 would you have an issue to wait around and see what the lab comes back in the next hour?

DR No.

PJ And then if we had to do it we could do it with you right here and be nonintrusive as we did and they would-i-they'd have to have a warrant if they wanted to bring the dogs by where that chest was.

DR Yeah.

RS/96

PJ And if they don't then, or do you really want to go back to school and I could call you?

DR No, I-I want to get it done.

PJ Okay.

DR The faster we can get it done...

PJ I mean do you have anything you could do in the house while you're waiting or?

DR I was thinking I should maybe call Tony or something. You know, the problem with our family is, it's all my fault because I've talked to people in the past...

PJ I know.

DR ...and now I'm talking...

PJ Right, so, do you want to just not tell 'em that your...

DR Well they-they're going why is he not, they know I, they would have seen me drive by, so they know I'm still down here...

PJ Okay.

DR ...so they're going, okay, what's the dummy doing.

PJ But it's up to you I wouldn't say anything about us getting a warrant for the house because I don't know.

DR No I wouldn't s-.

PJ Don't get 'em shooken to...

DR Would you need the warrant, would I just say let's go up there and...

PJ Well, but let's see what they said if they need one, I don't want to jeopardize anything, we're this far into, I would like to get it done today. Um, but don't say that unless we get one 'cuz why do you want your mom to be upset about us going in the house if we don't have to.

DR Well.

PJ If they want to run the dogs though, I-I'd have to have a warrant, so.

DR Yeah.

PJ That's not the norm to bring dogs in there so-.

DR But who's that guy that, he looks so familiar that-?

PJ Right there?

DR The...

PJ He works for us.

DR The-they guy that shaved head?

PJ Yep. He was on that-he was down, did you watch the news last night? That Trish...

DR Oh yeah I did see him.

PJ He's the one that was in the evidence room with those boxes that they were filming.

RS/97

DR Okay.

PJ His name's Dan Winkles, um...

DR That-okay-that's who I talked to on the phone, yeah.

PJ Yeah. He's just one of our investigators, I don't-he never came out here and talked to you or, he wasn't the one that came out and talked to your mom and dad that time that was a different-that was Troy Janske (sp?). So.

DR Where do they dump that stuff?

PJ They're bringing it over by our county garages.

DR I hope they don't use it to sand the road (slight laugh).

PJ No. I don't know-the county's gotta have it dumped somewhere...

DR (inaudible) to see how-it looks like that's a pretty good truck, it's not gonna leak anything.

PJ No, that's a salt truck.

DR Yeah.

PJ As expensive as salt is they're not gonna have a truck that leaks...

DR Nothing's gonna...

PJ No. That's a salt truck. Absolutely.

DR It looks pretty safe...

PJ Yeah.

DR ...I should have looked at that rear end...

PJ No that's a good truck.

(pause)

PJ Maybe we better go get another-something else to drink.

DR I'm not gonna need it.

PJ (inaudible) dehydrated.

(pause)

DR Yeah.

(pause)

DR Yeah, that time I talked to Patty, you know how that ended?

PJ No, she just told me what she could remember what she talked to you. She told me you-she met you at the mall and she has an office...

DR Upstairs apparently, yeah.

PJ At the mall.

DR But there was a guy that we, my brother has an office up there too and he comes out of the door and, you know, well you know Rick by now...

RS/98

PJ Well Rick said that he heard you talked to Patty yesterday that's what (inaudible) mad about.

DR Yeah.

PJ I told him he shouldn't have said that to her.

DR Yeah he was-that's when he called me at school and he basically...

PJ Yeah well I figured you were gonna get blasted by him.

DR Yeah.

PJ Because he-I told him not to talk to her and say about anybody being on this property. But. I don't know how long...

DR So you're-you're saying that's really not the incentive to come out here?

PJ There would have-alls I can say to you without telling you is the judge would need more than just that.

DR Oh, okay.

PJ Okay. Not that your brother will believe you if you tell...

DR 'Cuz I...

PJ ...him that, but...

DR ...I remember telling Patty that, she-she was saying what, you know like where do you think Jacob is, and I go, and I gave her some scenarios and I-she wanted to know for sure that I was...

PJ Not in...

DR ...me to say it, and that I wasn't the one, and had nothing to do with it and she wanted, kinda like, it came up the idea that I, you know, we talked about an hour.

PJ Um-hm.

DR And I-I know it came up somewhere in that conversation that, the fear for me, that god you know if they found something on our property I'm-I'm dead. And, well why would that be and then I probably I-I'm sure I said well somebody could have come back, you know.

PJ But don't you think other people have thought of that, that somebody could have put him on your property? Besides just you? Don't you think other people could have thought that somebody else...

DR There's been people, but so many-you know as well as...

PJ Yeah.

DR ...I do when people hear, people like, I know there's some good listeners that listen to Trish and they go ah, but I don't think they realize how bad it is. How bad she-she's...

PJ Oh I think...

DR ...she spins it, I don't think...

PJ Some people have, but a lot of people if they watch media, they know. Haven't you seen her in other interviews? She goes after people like this...

DR Oh yeah, I-I-I can't see how Channel 9 can get by with, like this time if I would...

PJ So you don't have any problem with those other news guys, it's just basically Channel 9?

DR Channel 9, we had a problem with Rick, Rick Coachella.

PJ No, he-he used to work for 11, but I don't think-he don't work there no more.

DR He's doing something else, but his deal is ah, he actually, I don't know the details, but they had to kick him out of the Rocori Middle School...

PJ Humm...

DR ...because he was in there without permission, going through...

PJ Over...

DR ...media center.

PJ For the Rocori shooting or?

DR No, for...

PJ Oh.

DR ...info on just you know me and...

PJ Oh okay.

DR 'Cuz he wrote-he sent me a couple letters which I didn't respond to. He wanted to a do a whole kinda like deal.

PJ Oh, like an exposé or?

DR Yeah. Yeah. Looks like they're done.

PJ I hope so.

(pause)

PJ Did the Gator come out now, oh yeah the Gator's already sitting there.

DR No it's still down there.

PJ Oh the backhoe?

DR Ah, the, the coulda cleaned a little bit more up, but, that's fine.

PJ What, back there?

DR Huh?

PJ You mean back there?

DR Cleaned up more of the ash...

PJ Oh. I'm hoping they're not gonna get another truck load.

DR I don't think they are. I think they heard what I said and. You know, of course if they really have any, thought that I had something to do with it, that would be, you could look at that and go, god, our num...

RS/100

PJ But if you ana-analyze everything each way it always comes back to it could be either way. You could be saying the rock pile because you don't want us to dig in the pile, or you could be saying the rock pile because if-if you were the bad guy, 'cuz you got him in the chicken coop, I mean...

DR Yeah.

PJ ...it-it, if you could just twist that around a million different ways, so.

DR Yeah.

PJ So. Um. Or you could be saying the rock pile because you've lived here your whole life and that's what makes sense so.

DR That's what, I'm thinking if that guy, that older man did it, and he's, I don't know how ol-I didn't know him, but...

PJ And you're sure you didn't tell me that older guys name before?

DR Yeah.

PJ Okay.

DR And, if he-if, I could even show you a picture, I could go get a picture up, the kinda car I pretty much saw in the afternoon. I-I...

PJ Well you might that eventually if we're gonna talk to...

DR I saw an auto show and...

PJ ...you know, if we're gonna talk to what's his face, then your gonna...

DR Hamilton.

PJ Hamilton.

DR But, what was I saying there?

(short pause)

DR Yeah.

PJ Something about the vehicle if you had a picture of that vehicle that turned around.

DR I got the picture, I took a picture of it at some auto show...

PJ Oh okay.

DR ...I was passing through and go oh man that looks kinda like the model of the car, the look of it. You know and, I also thought over the years they always, why couldn't you get a license plate number and...

PJ Well that's pretty common, people don't do that...

DR ...I (inaudible) I just, no way.

PJ A lot of people that have fresh crimes now they don't always get the license number, so.

DR Oh. Kind of a-you know if I would have kept the light on that night, and that, you know, if that was Hamilton, let's say that was Hamilton that I saw that night...?

PJ Do you mind if we pull a chair over here? (laughs) you're probably better shape than me...

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DR I'm wondering if I should call Tony.

PJ Well do you want me to just to step away and you can call him and...

DR It doesn't matter.

PJ I'll give you my card though while we think of it. I don't know, what are you gonna tell him? You're not gonna...

DR Yeah...

PJ Just so his mom and dad-your mom and dad don't come over.

DR Right, I'm just...

PJ Watching 'em make, pull the gravel-well then they're gonna wonder they-you get to be here and not your mom and dad though.

(short pause)

PJ You know your family dynamics more than me, I just don't want them coming over here because they'll probably end up getting arrested if they're that upset.

DR Yeah.

PJ That-I don't want that, so whatever-however you can play it so they don't come over here, I'm fine, because they can't come back until we're gone, it's just not-it's too stressful for both of them.

DR Yeah.

PJ And they can't-they can't control, we don't need 'em to have a medical. So however you want to do it, it's fine, but just make sure they know they can't come over here so if they think we're doing something...

DR Maybe I should-if I don't call at all, that-they won't like that so I think I'm gonna call and just say everything's fine, I think I'm helping them...

PJ I don't know if you better say helping us...

DR No I-I'm able to just...

PJ They let me sit by my car and watch the gravel truck come up, but then you-is your dad gonna want to come over?

DR Well why-why can't we come.

PJ Right.

(short pause)

PJ You understand why your parents can't be here anymore don't you?

DR Well if the guns were in the car, that's right I gotta move those...

PJ Yeah, and I don't and-and-it was a constant argument all day. Let's just-and it slowed everything down. It's a quarter to one, if they sit over there for a couple more hours, it's not going to hurt anything, and they will get arrested if they come over because they won't-your dad or your mom are so mad that they're gonna say something and they're gonna get arrested...

DR Yeah.

PJ ...let's just leave them. It's cooler over there. No, they're not coming back so however you could put it to 'em, whatever you do...

DR Well...

PJ ...just so you don't entice 'em to come over here.

DR Right, I'm not gonna call I don't think.

PJ I mean you know 'em, I don't.

DR Should I put the guns in the trunk?

PJ Let's do that. I'll just stand in the doorway again.

(pause)

PJ And you're sure that's all, there's no other handguns or anything?

DR Yeah.

(pause)

DR Boy I haven't held these for years.

(pause)

DR You know...

PJ Oh do they even work? How about shells?

(phone ringing)

PJ Maybe that'd be another thing too.

DR The shells?

PJ Yeah.

DR I could go in there and-well-there's no other gun.

(phone ringing)

PJ Okay.

DR I know this is it.

PJ Okay, okay.

DR Or, or there is another gun.

(phone ringing)

DR Your gonna have to come with me I guess.

(short pause)

DR (inaudible) helicopter?

PJ No. Where's the other one at?

DR I'll-I'll...

PJ Okay.

DR I'm sure I know where it is.

(short pause)

DR If you want to hold these.

PJ Sure. Yeah these are old.

DR They're pretty old.

PJ Just in case you'd be pissed off later on in the weekend, then you guys don't have to worry about...

DR He was calming down there and, I...

PJ Well do you not have a phone so they would be calling, is that them calling you in the house?

DR That's what I'm thinking...

PJ Oh.

DR ...I'm gonna check...

PJ Okay.

DR ...check to see if, that's them. But let's, before we forget, I think we get the other gun as long as...

PJ Yep. Yep. And then that makes sense.

DR It's over this way. Oh that shed's locked. I know where the key...

PJ Oh I know which one it is, it's up on the wall. 'Cuz we checked it yesterday to make sure it wasn't loaded.

(pause)

PJ Oh. Cooler in there. Yeah that's the one on the wall and we were worried because your dad was sitting with his hands on it-his head on his hands.

(pause)

DR (inaudible) so disgusted the other day, he had this all fixed and then he put a 2x4...

PJ I was gonna say, we didn't do that.

DR ...put a 2x4 through it. Where did you see it?

PJ It's hanging on the wall. Right there.

DR Oh.

PJ Yeah we already checked it, it's empty. Because he was sitting, when he got mad then he sat on that...

DR Oh...

PJ ...hay rack.

(pause)

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PJ We're gonna put all the guns in his trunk of his car.

?? (inaudible)

PJ That's the last one I think. Kenny gone?

?? (inaudible)

PJ Okay.

(pause)

PJ You have a business card with your phone number on?

DR I don't.

PJ Don't ya?

DR I can write it down for you.

PJ Okay.

DR The best place to call me...

PJ Yeah, I just don't want to call here.

(pause)

PJ That's not gas that you drive around in the back end that you have to worry about...

DR It's empty.

PJ ...all that you worry about blowing your car up.

DR No, I've never put gas in it yet...

PJ Oh.

DR But I, the first-I bought this car used. And at first, ah, my-I had a Datsun V210 that could go for ever on empty...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...and within the first week or two, I ran out of gas twice...

PJ Oh, okay.

DR It was like...

PJ Maybe that's not a big dangerous thing anyway.

DR When it goes down, when it gets close to empty, you can actually hear it go like this (makes tone).

PJ Oh okay.

DR You hear the...

PJ Why don't you just watch your...

DR Well you watch it but you-you...

PJ Oh.

DR ...kinda, (inaudible) can get there yet, but if you hear it go (makes tone) you have to get gas within a few miles.

PJ Oh okay. So you just gonna check to see if they called then or?

DR Oh yeah.

PJ Okay.

(pause 1:50:18-1:52:21)

DR No it's just...

PJ You know everybody's feeling bad for your mom and dad. How 'bout you for that-since you think that everybody's thinking that you're the suspect and, you feel guilty, or how does that all work?

DR It-it's kinda like-like my mom told me this morning, you know the Times and then they can comment on things and you get some people that leave some pretty crummy stuff.

PJ Yeah, I just wondering like do you tell your mom and dad I'm sorry that these guys are here or?

DR Well I...

PJ Or do you think that really doesn't-that's not really your place to say you're sorry or?

DR Well, it-it's the whole thing where, you know, if this is all over with and and ah you don't find anything which I hope you don't but I want it solved...

PJ Right.

DR ...but if you don't find anything it's not gonna be solved...

PJ Right.

DR But ah, I-I really, feels so strongly that, the car theory, somebody drove two cars that day in our yard and blah blah blah...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...and if he's down there, if he's actually buried down there I think I know who did it. But he's probably not down there.

PJ Okay.

DR I-I'm probably wrong on that account, you know.

PJ So it that-is that kinda what you say when your brother's mad or your mom and dad's mad at you about it? Is that kinda what you guys go over then is...

DR The thing that I get in trouble and yelled at and made fun of is that I should have a lawyer, I shouldn't be so cheap, I should hire a lawyer and then you guys wouldn't be here and I'm telling 'em hey they-they've got to solve the case.

PJ Yeah.

DR They-they gotta come here, the lawyer's not gonna be able to say...

PJ No. He can't say no search warrant, no.

DR You know they're gonna, you know, and Kenny was saying well we got a lawyer and then that-this didn't happen because the lawyer knew this, and I'm going I am cheap, I don't want to spend lawyer-lawyer...

PJ A lawyer can't stop a search warrant though.

DR Yeah.

PJ That's a judicial decision.

DR So it does cause, there's definitely family stress there and then...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...the way the things went this morning, it's like, it doesn't-I mean to see your dad and mom going through that. That was probably the worst point in my life...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...to see that, the way things happened.

PJ Yeah.

DR But ah, I-before I forget I should write my number...

PJ Yeah.

DR ...down for you. I check this number pretty much every day.

PJ Okay.

DR And I could give you my email address.

PJ Pen. Oh I got a Pop Tart in here.

DR (inaudible).

PJ Why don't you just write it on the back of one of my cards.

DR Okay.

PJ Your phone number and then an email and I'll just email you and it'll say what do you think about this, but I have to get a hold of that guy. I know back when we went and talked to him, he kinda was like weirded about-and then but he was on that newscast last night, but that was from '04 I think.

DR Right, yeah. That was way back. This number you call and then you get a recording...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...and then as you get the recording you don't try to do any of their-you just put in this extension...

PJ And then I leave you a message.

DR ...it rings in my office.

PJ Okay and then I can just leave you a message?

DR Yeah.

PJ Like if it's after hours?

DR And this is the ah email I use...

PJ Okay.

DR ...most of the time.

PJ Okay. Put that in my, folder.

DR I mean I, anything I can do to try to...

(phone ringing)

DR ...solve the thing, I'm gonna pick this up.

PJ Okay.

(pause 1:56:12-1:56:06)

DR That was the St. Cloud Times.

PJ Oh.

DR I said no comment. Didn't leave my name or anything. A relative.

PJ Right. I don't know. Um. I said I'd like-I'd like to a least keep you occupied or least have you do something in the house and stay here until you found out if I'm gonna have that warrant to run the dog through the house or not, so we don't have to do anything with it, otherwise I'd have to-you'd have to leave it open or we'd have get a locksmith and I don't want a locksmith coming down through that media and doing all that...

DR No...

PJ ...that's very, dumb.

DR Just thinking of it, I mean...

PJ That would just really look stupid.

DR I'm a tight person, so I'm-I'm even thinking just...

PJ No...

DR ...because of money...

PJ ...I know.

DR And it's because of something I maybe said.

PJ You can't put that all on yourself, you can't.

DR The thought is there that they never found anything, it's not solved. Like, you know. If I didn't do it, and I know I didn't...

PJ And that's what I was gonna ask you, if you didn't do, who do you think did it? And why did they do it, why woulda they take Jacob?

DR The whole idea was, you know like, who would be really mad at me, why they kept bringing that up, who's really mad at you that would want to see you in this kinda trouble and...

PJ But there you're personalizing the search, and shouldn't really personalize the search. The search is the property.

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DR Okay. I'm not sure I follow you...

PJ I mean you're saying if somebody's mad at you right now...

DR Yeah.

PJ ...we're searching the property, it really isn't-we're not really searching Dan right now.

DR Oh. Yeah.

PJ Yeah.

DR Yeah I know I'm just saying back 20 years...

PJ Oh back 20 years ago.

(phone ringing)

PJ Oh gees.

DR (inaudible) such a-

(pause 1:58:52-1:59:13)

PJ What?

DR With all those beeps I bet it was a recording...

PJ Oh.

DR ...some credit card company calling then.

PJ So if they didn't want to do it to get mad at you, we-we've been through this before, why would they take Jacob? And how would they know that those boys were coming back from Tom Thumb? That is probably the biggest stickler about this whole case is, how did they know that those boys went down that road, and that they'd be coming back?

DR Yeah.

PJ If you didn't have that in it it wouldn't be so odd, if it was in the middle of town or something but, they went by this road and they came back, so that person knew they'd be going past your driveway, that's the big stickler of this-if you ask me about that scene.

(short pause)

PJ Because if they're in a Holiday station, or the Tom Thumb station they're not gonna know that they gotta-those boys gotta come back here. How are they gonna know where the boys live? If they followed them from the Tom Thumb home, how did they get in front of them and how'd they know where the boys were gonna turn in? How did they know the boys weren't gonna turn in half way?

DR They know the boys.

PJ Yep.

DR You know, you know them, you've been scouting it out. You were the car that turned around in the afternoon and see how this works out.

PJ But then they didn't know the boys were gonna go to get a movie. That's what I kept telling you on that driving around the afternoon, how did they know those boys were gonna go get a movie?

DR Well if it's somebody's doing this because they want to get a boy like Jacob...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...and they, they see some, they see something in the afternoon that sparks their interest, they come, maybe they come down here to do just, with no possibility happening here...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...they do a test run in the afternoon...

PJ Yep.

DR ...no problem turning around, okay, and then they plan it out for the night, watch...

PJ But then how do they know they're going to that-getting that movie at nine o'clock at night.

DR They don't know, they're-they're looking for the opportunity.

PJ I mean that's the biggest hump for me in this...

DR They just, people like that are, I mean I've-I've been in Europe where you just stand in the shadows and you watch people at work, pick-pockets and they just look for the person that (inaudible)...

PJ So you're thinking they're just driving around here, during the day, checking things out and then, happen to come back that night and saw the boys and then thought...

DR I-I think that's a possibility that they checked it out in the afternoon...

PJ Not looking for a boy then or?

DR Oh yeah.

PJ Oh okay.

DR Or maybe just to check it out. And then realizing that, wow that's a-if they're from the area, well then it's easy to figure out that, and I think they are, whoever did it is from around here with two cars and, and they-they can, well they-they know they want to be obvious and turn around 15 times...

PJ Yeah.

DR ...twice is usually, pretty good safe number that you know...

PJ It's just that...

DR ...(inaudible) you know go back for seconds...

PJ Right.

DR ...you know, okay, but if you go for thirds, you-the cook might...

PJ If it's going for-if they were going for school and they left everyday at the same time, I-I-I follow that. But they have never even wen-that was the first time they ever even went to get a movie by themselves.

RS/110

DR Yeah.

PJ You know and every morning at eight o'clock they go past here to go to school, that's an easy thing to set up.

DR The thing in the night time, I wonder if they went out during the day or any other kids, that was a-what was that a Sunday, you know.

PJ Yeah, well kids...

DR There must have been other people biking on that road...

PJ I would think, it was October though. But yeah, you know how busy the road is.

DR And the next day I went out to run, I remember that...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...and it was warm weather, it was summer weather.

PJ But you run every day though right so. Or you did then or?

DR I did then. It's just-yeah it's broken twice...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...and they had put a pin in, in fact I broke it on July Fourth last year.

PJ Oh okay, oh.

DR And they put a pin in and then, September came, October came and they said it's healed up, so what do you think I did?

PJ Ran.

DR I ran too much and it cracked right up to the pin. And then, went back into the cast longer this time and, now I'm being more careful.

PJ You know Jacob had run-a running jacket on and some people's theory would be when they're talking about Dan Rassier being the runner, that you'd be attracted to his running vest.

DR I thought he had a red coat on.

PJ Then he had a running vest with it.

DR I...

PJ I mean...

DR I don't know.

PJ ...what would you say about that?

DR What do you mean by a running vest?

PJ Like a, a fluorescent, so he wouldn't get hit by a car.

DR Oh. He had that ov-over a coat?

PJ Yeah, does that...

DR I don't even...

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PJ ...do you remember seeing kids walking around with those on?

DR No.

PJ No.

DR No.

PJ Well I hear another car, that's not that truck again is it?

(pause)

PJ No, I thought I heard a truck...

DR I-I...

PJ Oh do you hear it?

DR It's-it's coming, it's coming now it's still up on the hill.

PJ Oh.

DR It sounds like it is coming back though.

PJ Oh boy.

DR Yeah.

PJ Are you kidding me.

DR Coming right there, yeah it's the same truck.

PJ (sighs).

DR (inaudible)

PJ No.

DR I don't think he's taking from the same spot. Maybe they'll take 20 more loads.

PJ Oh for god sake, those people over there at that county maintenance are gonna be in-pretty upset. 'Cuz we're gonna put it in their stuff.

DR Lotta nails in there.

PJ Umm.

DR They can't use it-well they could sift the nails out of it.

PJ They going back out there?

(pause)

DR It looks like they just came back for lunch maybe.

PJ Umm. Are they stopping?

DR Well I-I don't know, I-I, being kinda like I am I feel like I, told 'em...

PJ Yeah you did, you did.

DR But they keep taking stuff away...

PJ I don't know if they...

DR I'm not saying they're wrong you know maybe...

PJ No, no, you know you were-you're making sense.

DR That-that would be, if somebody did park they're car there and that guy did park his car right in that corner...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...that would be where they would-he would do it.

PJ Yeah.

DR If it wouldn't be the rock pile. Because they would be soft stuff.

PJ Right, it would be easier to dig then the rock pile.

DR Yeah. So if they actually would find him under there...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...what would-what would your be thought about me then?

PJ I would be in the same spot where I am right now. I have nothing to put you with putting Jacob there.

DR Yeah.

PJ I would be interested in this place again, and you are definitely interesting to me.

DR Yeah.

PJ But I wouldn't-I don't have enough to...

DR The body alone wouldn't be...

PJ No.

DR ...enough to lock me up?

PJ No. What would the first thing your defense attorneys say to me?

DR Ah...

PJ How do you know that Dan put him there?

DR Right.

PJ He was home, and they'd say yep, and, does everybody else have access to that road? Yep. Was there any other, I mean-.

DR Yeah.

PJ But, yeah, no I-I do not, in all honesty I do not have enough to arrest you if I have a body. Now if I had a-if I had you with some sort of, piece of Jacob's clothing...

DR Right.

PJ Then, different.

DR Blood on that chest that is human.

PJ If it was Jacob's.

DR Are they able to, do they have...?

PJ If it was human and they had enough they could run DNA on it, yep.

DR Okay.

PJ Yeah if there was blood on that chest...

DR Human blood.

PJ ...and it's Jacob's and it came from up and you and your mom both said it came from upstairs, you probably would get arrested.

DR Okay.

PJ Now would we be able-would you stay, uh-oh, that ain't your dad there is it?

(short pause)

PJ Or who is that?

DR I think that's...

PJ Oh please tell me that's not your dad.

DR No it's my brothers.

PJ Oh. Is that bad?

DR Should I call Tony?

PJ Yeah.

DR Or should I go up there?

PJ I don't know.

DR To tell 'em that I don't want them to get in trouble, what should I tell them.

PJ Well they're not-they-they can't come on the property. I don't know what they're gonna say to you about it.

DR They're just going back now, okay. I'll call 'em.

PJ Okay.

DR I shoulda called them.

PJ Yeah.

DR I-let's see-I don't have-I gave-I don't know his number. I'll-whose number would I know that would be up there?

PJ Um.

DR I don't know my mom's cell number by heart, because I gave 'em that thing. Um.

PJ Oh your dad, your mom took, when I asked for your phone-Tony's phone number yesterday-it's a piece of paper over there. Um, she had a phone listing and Tony's, um...

DR Yeah but I-I brought it up there...

PJ But, she picked up a piece of paper, maybe in the other room she came back with a piece of paper with all the phone numbers on, look and see. And she gave me Tony's phone number.

DR Yeah. I-I'm sure I took it...

PJ How about it in here, there is some keys, how about in here?

DR No. I think I'm gonna try to call...

PJ Or if he calls on your phone, you can look. I'm gonna step outside though, if he calls on your phone...

DR (inaudible) one of my nieces that would be-or might be...

PJ Otherwise we have Tony's number, I can go get it from one of the guys if you want.

DR (inaudible)

(short pause)

PJ Let me look. I-. Want me to go get it?

DR (inaudible)...

PJ I can go get it, Dan had it, he called Tony.

DR Yeah, I-I don't know his number, and there's no way for me to...

PJ I don't think I wrote it down. Well. The number I called you back on, I have that.

DR Oh.

PJ 249-7158. When I called you back, on Kenny's phone.

DR That's the number?

PJ Yep. 249-7158.

DR 249?

PJ Yep.

DR 7158?

PJ Yep. That's the number I called you back on.

(pause 2:09:31 – 2:11:06)

PJ Um, I'm 10-12 and we have this chest here and Dan said he would be willing to show me where the chest is if that would be quicker than waiting for any paperwork. If we're. Yeah. He said-

(pause – PJ on phone)

PJ I just didn't...

(pause)

PJ Okay I was just wondering if the paperwork was gonna go through or?

(pause)

PJ Okay, would I need a consent then?

RS /115

(pause)

PJ Okay, and then I thought, let me know then, then I know if I have to keep this door, keep him by here so they can keep the door open.

(pause)

PJ Okay. 'K, bye.

(pause 2:11:56 – 2:14:22)

DR If you don't mind, I'm gonna have a snack.

PJ No, did you-did you make 'em mad.

DR No, I basically lied. I am so good at lying.

PJ They didn't come over here, they, they weren't gonna come over here were they?

DR Well it's one brother from the Cities that usually never comes at all. And ah.

PJ We're they just seeing what was going on or were they looking-worried about you?

DR Basically what's going on, I told 'em they're just letting me watch, you know, I said, but you can't come down here.

PJ Did they go why do you get to be here and not them? Hum. This is St. Joe Township, right?

DR Yep.

PJ What's the brother in the Cities do?

DR Well one retired yesterday.

PJ Oh.

DR Yesterday was his last day with Delta airlines.

PJ Oh.

DR So he, he is-he's retired now, and then the brother-was Tony and Joe, Joe was-he's a computer guy.

PJ Oh okay.

(pause 2:15:29 – 2:16:00)

PJ So if they can get that church stuff out by this evening that would be okay? They could get it all set up or?

DR What...

PJ I mean I don't know...

DR (inaudible) get it out today.

PJ Yeah, I know but I mean, if they got it out this evening, like earlier evening would that be enough to get it all up? I took to semis loads out yesterday. Did you see that?

DR Yeah. Boy there's-is there any, well yeah they just don't need that hassle. They want to get it done.

RS/116

PJ Right, I mean if they say they started at five o'clock, how long would it take 'em to get it out of here?

DR If they start at five, they wouldn't, I've helped many times, I would say...

PJ Even though they got...

DR ...depends how much help they get.

PJ Okay.

DR That's what they were worried about, but it's-it could take three hours.

PJ Even though they took two semi loads out yesterday?

DR Yeah. It-it depends so much because you gotta wait...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...and some people don't volunteer because they were there last night and they didn't need 'em, and-.

(pause)

PJ You're not diabetic are you?

DR No.

PJ Oh 'cuz you're just eating so healthy I thought oh.

DR I've been, I'm trying to lose weight.

PJ Why?

DR Because when I broke my foot...

PJ I was gonna say you're pretty thin.

DR I'm-I'm probably the worst eater. This is the best I get.

PJ Oh I thought that's how you always ate, that's why I thought oh you diabetic or you're just that much into running that you don't eat junk food.

DR I eat more junk food then (inaudible) but you saw what I was eating...

PJ Well you're eating power bars, though that's what athletes eat, I guess I didn't think that was junk food.

DR But when I broke my foot, I really got into the Coke and the chips and then, and I weigh more than I ever have and-.

PJ So then do you have to buy all that food yourself then, your junk food and your-. I mean how does that work, you're gone all day long, don't you bring food to school or?

DR I bring a lot of food to school.

PJ Oh. Okay.

DR School lunches are not, I eat a lot of school lunches and that's not too good either for losing weight.

PJ No they're all full of fat and-.

(pause)

PJ So we got a good rapport here going between me and you, that's not going to hurt it if he comes back with a warrant for us to go through that house, is it?

DR All I told him on the phone was...

PJ I'm talking about for me and you? When we're all said and done, if they come back and say we're taking those dogs though house, how pissed off are you gonna be about that?

DR (no audible response)

PJ Okay.

DR Just so the dogs don't poop on the floor.

PJ No. Would you be willing to show us what's in your room? Get that...

DR (inaudible)

PJ ...get that whole thing about he could have a, trophy of Jacob tucked away somewhere in your room, you willing to just show me everything that's in your room?

DR It would be impossible.

PJ Why?

DR Think about it.

PJ Well it's a bedroom. Why you got that much junk in your room?

DR (inaudible)

PJ Well I'll think-I'm thinking the, that will-wouldn't be a bad idea if we do some of that, if you're willing to do it. If you stand there and show me what's in all those boxes, because if we get a search warrant and they...

DR The problem would be, well first of all be realistic, you think you're gonna have to do that? If they find something probably would...

PJ Right.

DR Right, but if...

PJ I'm thinkin' if they get a warrant and they get a chance to go in your bedroom they're gonna wanna look to see if they have anything of Jacob's in there.

DR Well the problem is, is that I have a so, and you have to see it to believe it...

PJ Okay.

DR ...I'm not a hoarder, like some people are, I-you can call me a hoarder...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...it's pretty bad, but it's organized and it's not, it's not entirely, some stuff is junk I-I admit it, but it would take, the point I'm trying to make, you would not get done in one day. Just in that room, you would not get done.

PJ Are you kidding me? Seriously, I-we want to get out here. If they come back with a warrant, they're gonna wanna go and through that-into your bedroom. And they're gonna wanna say yeah we checked Dan Rassier's bedroom.

DR They won't get done.

PJ Are we talking boxes?

(short pause)

DR Yeah.

PJ Up to the ceiling boxes?

DR Yep.

PJ Of?

DR You have to understand I've lived at home all this time...

PJ Yep.

DR And. School I have a lot of stuff, for school basically...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...a lot of books, records, but most of the stuff in my room is-. It's embarrassing.

PJ Well I'm not trying to embarrass you, I'm basically trying to make sure that me and you have a good relationship so we can talk to Mr. Hamilton, I'm just telling ya if they come back with a search warrant, they're gonna go in that bedroom and they're gonna wanna look around, and that's why I just called, they're gonna wanna look around in that bedroom. If we can get going, if there's anything that you think that we could get going on, I'd rather do it and get it over with, I would like to be out of here in good time. If you-if you-if there's any systematically way that me and you could say we went through your bedroom, with you there, versus, if it's a search warrant they're not gonna let you stand there in the bedroom. They're gonna make you stand in the-.

DR Well my-my question now is why...

PJ If the dogs would hit or...

DR Oh if they hit, if they find something.

PJ But if they hit on one area in that bedroom they're gonna wanna go through that whole bedroom.

DR Oh the dogs. Oh.

PJ Yeah the dogs, if the dogs hit on one area of the bedroom the cops are then going to go in after that. Is my point.

DR Okay.

PJ Because that's just like that chest there. The dogs hit on that room, everything came out of that room.

DR Oh. But your thing, if they hit on something...

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PJ Then they're gonna wanna go through everything in the room.

DR Everything? The whole room, oh man. I'll show you the room, so you know why I'm going ah.

PJ And-don't-it's not an embarrassing thing, it's that it's 1:30 and you want us out of here thing. It's not to embarrass you. It's-but I'm telling you we took everything out of that room in that...

DR Yeah my parents said they couldn't figure out why, because you got one hit on something. What would the dog hit on in my room?

PJ I don't know. What do you-do you got junk in there that your brought from outside of the house that could have animal blood or anything on it.

DR A mouse trap.

PJ I mean is that paper junk...

DR I'm thinking the mouse trap that's in my room I don't believe ever had a mouse in it.

PJ Okay.

DR Um. What else would give them a hit in there? Food?

PJ I don't know. I'm just, I'm just trying to not to irritate you when it happens, if it happens, and I just would like to get going if we can get going.

DR I mean like, mean do it now?

PJ I don't know, do you think there's enough stuff that you can-that we need to go through it or-?

DR I don't think we need to, unless it's-unless they say we have to go through it.

PJ If they come back with a warrant, they're gonna wanna go through it. What I'm saying is, if that's what happens I'd rather get started if you think it's as bad as it is. But I don't know if we have a warrant yet, so we can wait.

DR And if, the only reason they would come back with a warrant would be why?

PJ Because that chest was upstairs...

DR And it has some sort of blood on it.

PJ Right.

(pause)

DR Boy that makes me think now, boy, if somebody got rid of chest because it had blood on it, and now, the blood is detected...

PJ Then they would be able-if there's enough blood that we can get DNA we'd be able to get Jacob's DNA out of it. If there's enough.

DR God that would be amazing. Something would be on there all these years...

PJ Yeah, blood does I mean if it doesn't get disturbed, if you don't wipe it up correctly, and it's not washed, blood lasts for yea-I mean that you can see on CSI, that's-that's fact.

DR Yeah. Huh.

(pause)

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PJ I don't know, I don't know what we're dealing with.

DR With what?

PJ With your room, I don't know what we're dealing with.

DR Well you wanna go look at it?

PJ Well. I'd have you sign a consent and I would have somebody else go with. I don't wanna, but-. what do you think? You think we need to see what we're talking about?

DR I-I just, I guess what I'm saying is ah-.

(pause)

DR (inaudible) ripping that room apart (inaudible)...

PJ Or do you want me to see if we can get the dogs over and you sign the consent before hand, but that's kinda, the courts might not like that. I'm thinking, that, I don't know if that's an ad-that's really not an advantage I guess if...

DR The advantage, what your kinda bringing up here is, you're trying to...

PJ I'm trying to say if...

DR ...save time.

PJ Right.

DR So, if they, how long (inaudible)...

PJ Well I just called him and he didn't know yet. That's why-that's why I said should I do a consent or?

DR They're doing a-they're trying to figure out...

PJ If they can...

DR ...the blood.

PJ ...and then they're gonna see if they can get-if it comes back that they can get a search warrant they're-they try to get a search warrant so they can run the dogs through based on the blood. And they're trying to get the judge to sign a search warrant and I'm waiting for them to tell me they got a search warrant, my thinking was, with that much stuff, rather than sit here and wait another hour, if we thought we were gonna get a hit, I would rather get through that stuff so we get a hour through the stuff, is what I'm thinking but-. That's not your problem I'm trying to move it along, we can definitely wait 'til I know for sure.

DR I guess if we don't have to do it, I'd rather not start...

PJ Okay, then it's just wait.

(phone ringing)

DR (inaudible) I'm kinda thinking well, unless-.

(pause 2:27:04 – 2:28:38)

DR Is that a load of stuff already?

PJ I don't know. No I think it's that white truck that sifter truck came back.

DR Boy it looks like they have a full load again.

PJ Well, somebody's gonna have to tell 'em to knock it off.

DR They're in the same place. But you know, it's not a bad, I don't think it's entirely stupid.

(pause 2:29:08 – 2:31:11)

PJ How 'bout just this then, we'll just do this. You sign this consent, you walk up, show me where the chest was, open your door and we'll come back out?

DR Yeah.

PJ That work out?

DR Yeah.

PJ So what it says here is that you know I don't have a warrant, you're letting me in, and we won't take any-we'll go up, you show me where that is, you open your bedroom door, we'll come back down and then I can tell those guys that...

DR Yep.

PJ ...how much stuff you have in there rather than me and you, oops, rather than me and you sittin' here.

(pause)

PJ Let's just do that and we'll get that out of the way. That your family again?

DR Ah, my sister...

PJ Oh.

DR ...my-my brother's girlfriend basically.

PJ You want your dog in or?

DR I think I'll let her, come on in Cassie...

PJ She'd probably like some cool off.

DR (inaudible) get her to go downstairs if she doesn't go. Why don't you go in the kitchen. And we go like this watch what she does now. (inaudible) Cassie, there you go, now she usually heads for the basement...

PJ Oh 'cuz you say sorry Cassie?

DR (inaudible) she'll go to the basement 'cuz the doors open, (inaudible) she's not ready to go down yet.

PJ Um. To early in the day?

DR (inaudible). So okay.

PJ Okay.

(pause)

PJ Yeah this is an old stairwell.

DR Yeah. So, this is where, this is where that, her...

PJ Chest was?

DR The chest was.

PJ Okay, in the common area. And who's bedrooms were here then?

DR Ah that-that's just you know...

PJ Extra bedroom...

DR ...(inaudible)...

PJ Um-hm.

DR My mom sleeps in there a lot.

PJ But in '89, you were the only bedroom up here?

DR '89 I was the only one up here anyway.

PJ Oh okay. Your brothers were gone.

DR Now you can't laugh.

PJ I won't, don't worry about it. I...

(door opens)

PJ Oh you got a lot of stuff, okay. How come you don't just put some of that in the other room?

DR I'm not allowed to.

PJ Oh. Wow you're organized. I'll give you that.

DR I have to be to find stuff.

PJ You are organized.

DR So.

PJ Okay.

DR I know...

PJ Oh boy that would be forever. If we had to go through those boxes.

DR I-I just don't even want to think about it.

PJ You wouldn't like it for that and just because you organized...

DR It would take so much time and the embarrassment of everything.

PJ No, you're not a hoarder, a hoarder is somebody that has it where you can't even, there's no, like if I asked you where something was would you be able to find it?

DR Yep.

PJ Yeah, that's different. Okay.

DR I could-I could pull out, ah, you want me to get that picture of that car?

PJ Well you can-we can bring-you can bring that in when we talked to Hamilton. Then you won't have to mess those up. Okay, yeah, oh, okay.

DR (slight laugh)

PJ I'm thinking that dogs gonna have to hit on something or we're not going in there. No way.

DR Well, I know what ever happens I probably don't have much to say about it.

PJ Well if the dog hits on something, no, then it-then it's a done deal. But he-if we get a warrant they might not hit on nothing anyway so-.

DR I mean your-your purpose of going in there then would be-see she went downstairs.

PJ To see if there-if it hit on...

DR She did go down didn't she?

PJ Yep. If it something because of dogs hit on, um, decomposed bodies or bones or-.

DR I can tell you there's nothing like that.

PJ Okay.

DR You know clothing and...

PJ We should probably get this out of here.

(pause)

PJ Well I'm gonna go get a water over there and drop this off over there and then I'll come back. I'll um, put my folder away. And you'll stick around until we know that then so we don't have to worry about gettin' into the house?

DR I'll be around here.

PJ Okay.

(pause)

PJ Hi, I was just gonna come and get a water where are you at?

(pause)

PJ Okay, whoops excuse me.

(pause)

PJ I'm gonna head over towards the water if you want-

(pause)

PJ I'm gonna get a water.

End of tape.

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PJ=Pam Jensen
DR=Dan Rassier
S?=Shane ?
KM=Ken McDonald

PJ ...hours. Going back over to the Rassier residence.

(pause/inaudible 0:00:04-0:06:29)

PJ Oh-made me jump. Yeah, they got the warrant do the dogs will run through the house. Is there anything...

DR So what does that mean?

PJ They'll just walk 'em through the house. The lady will go in with the dog and me and you will wait out here and they'll walk 'em though the house, and they'll have a camera with them...

DR I can't go up there with them a little bit?

PJ If they-they ask you after they do that, they'll come and ask-they'll ask you like where your-which one's your bedroom and stuff, but while the dogs go they don't-we can't be in with 'em because we might-they like you just petted your dog and so they're on the way back from that, so, is there anything that you can think at all that they would be interested in all that you would be embarrassed in your room that you'd want to just get out right now, you don't have like, anything at all that you would...

DR Well there's stuff in there that's embarrassing, yeah.

PJ Um.

DR What...

PJ I mean about, about the crime type thing or about the case. Like do you have your own Wetterling file you want to bring out and show me, is there a picture of the dog or anything like that or?

DR Yeah.

PJ I mean would that be something that would be embarrassing or?

DR Why, how much are they gonna go through? I...

PJ I don't know we'll see if the dogs hit on anything. If they were to go through, if they wanted to go through that bedroom...

DR I just-(inaudible) strangers go through...

PJ I know, I know. That's what I told them, I said they-he is very organized and very private with his stuff. The only thing I was thinking is with they brought it out and just put it in the hallway, just brought it out and put it in the hallway? No?

DR That would be just so...

PJ Ahh...

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DR ...that would take so long, they would, my parents would never get to come home today, they would never get done today...

PJ No we're done-I'm saying we're getting done today. I want to be done here in the next couple hours.

DR So if the dog doesn't hit on anything than I don't-we don't have to go through that room?

PJ Hopefully n-they could if they wanted to. If they get a warrant for the house they get a warrant for the house. That's why I'm just saying if there's something that you thought that they'd be interested in if you could just go get it out now we'd be good.

DR That Jacob Wetterling file...

PJ But that prob-if that's just file stuff from magazines and newspaper that don't mean nothing. If that's-you know what I mean?

DR Well it's got the picture...

PJ Yeah, but I have all that, that isn't...

DR No I mean the picture of the car...

PJ Yeah, but, other than that. Like I said I just wanted to forewarn you, I wouldn't even had-we wouldn't even had to have this conversation, but I know-I know how your stuff is, I know how organized you are and how important that is to you. Where some people it isn't that big of a deal. But that's your personality. You're neat as a pin. It's not-let me tell you this thing. If they go through a box and it's full of paper, they don't look at the paper. They would go through the box to see if there would be anything of Jacob's in the box, such as clothing. They're not-they wouldn't-they don't look at the papers, I don't know if that makes any difference to you, they don't care about paperwork. Is that basically what it is? Paperwork?

(pause)

DR I got a cigarette collection, even though I don't smoke, there's a box of cigarettes.

PJ Okay.

DR I mean full thing of...

PJ Um-hm, whoops...

DR ...I mean a full box of cigarettes...

PJ Like if my-if you go in my husband's room, he has lures and, knife collection, and guy type stuff is that what you mean?

DR Yeah. Um...

PJ What would be the oddest thing they'd find in your room?

DR The oddest thing...

PJ Yeah.

DR ...would be that cigarette collection.

PJ Okay, that's not so odd then, but I mean that-that would be the strangest thing that somebody would think was strange you think? Am I embarrassing you?

DR Well it's just the thought of, kinda the scenario running through my mind that they, I don't think-what could the dog possibly...

PJ That's what I was...

DR Yeah, I mean...

PJ So that stuff in your room is since you were twenty-in your twenties?

DR It's all my life, I stuff in there from...

PJ A little boy?

DR A little boy.

(pause)

DR I-I know where everything is, um, if you want me to pull something out...

PJ Well that's, I guess I was trying to get you to think of. What would be something that would draw attention that people would think is odd if you had anything in there and it doesn't sound like you do.

DR Well-I got a box like labeled kinda the Jacob file.

PJ Yeah but that's just clippings, lot of people have that, right?

DR Obviously ah-.

PJ How 'bout-how do you store your clothing?

DR It's in the-most of its in the plastic crate.

PJ Okay. So they wanted to see if you had a tee-shirt, a St. Cloud hockey tee-shirt. The tee-shirts all in an order?

DR All the tee-shirts are organized...

PJ Okay.

DR ...but I mean, it's my word against theirs, lotta Grandma's Marathon shirts, they're all in one spot, Twin Cities Marathon...

PJ Oh okay.

DR ...I mean-...

PJ Why are you embarrassed by that? You shouldn't be embarrassed by that, that is...

DR It's-it's...

PJ ...to be organized is nothing to be embarrassed by...

DR They went through my room once already...

PJ Right.

DR ...at the time there where-my dad said when I was gone they went through everything.

PJ So of all the stuff that went on in the last two days that would be the most frustrating for you would be your room? Would that be fair to speak?

DR It would be because I know that-that ah, ah, I don't have anything in there that, and-and it might be the time and the ah, the whole, I mean this whole thing, all the time, it's-. I guess if they-if they have to go through there they-there's-I'm not gonna be like my dad and...

PJ I wouldn't want you to 'cuz...

DR ...(inaudible)...

PJ ...no.

DR And it's-it's, I hope they don't have to hear or see that they're going in the house.

PJ Well if they-the dogs won't take very long.

DR Pardon?

PJ They won't take long to run the dogs through.

DR And if the dogs get a hit, on something...

PJ Then they-...

DR ...(inaudible) thing over there, you know what? I think they're gonna get a hit on that-the dresser that's in...

PJ The spot?

DR Yeah because I got-I have a bunch of old, it stinks in there, kinda like in there, it has that smell of real old wood...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...and...

PJ You mean the dresser that's sitting there now?

DR Yep. And I got a whole bunch of, besides another place, old food that I'm not gonna eat myself, but I'm saving it for like going to Lake Sag and...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...put it in the water and the fish eat it...

PJ Right, right. So I mean like bird feed...

DR Would the dog get a hit off of that?

PJ I wouldn't think food, no, I wouldn't think food.

DR (inaudible) I mean if they're gone and that pile mice tips him off, maybe mice...

PJ I mean I know that's what your mom-when your mom said that and I said well, maybe there was a bunch of mice in there for the blood or whatever...

DR Yeah.

PJ ...I think she took it meaning that they hit off on all mice.

DR (inaudible)

PJ I asked 'em about that, I said well how many loads are you gonna go, well we're under, we're in the dirt now he said.

DR Wow.

PJ So. It took them that many loads to get to the dirt.

DR At least, yeah.

PJ Yeah he said-they just got to the dirt.

DR That was a lot of stuff I mean, boy if they find a body, I'm gonna look at it this way, okay, now what?

PJ Yeah.

DR We got those big ants. Man. Huge ants and then some of them fly around.

PJ Um-hm.

(pause)

PJ I just saw your anxiety level go up, is that because of the house you think or?

DR Well I-the whole idea of my room...

PJ Okay.

DR ...it would be like if they go oh well we're gonna go to my school now...

PJ No.

DR ...and go through all that stuff...

PJ No.

DR ...why not? I mean I got more stuff out there then here.

PJ But we don't have any-the only reason they get to go to the house is because of that chest. They don't have any reason to go to the school.

(pause)

DR I picked this up off the-the road the other day.

PJ Ah...

DR It's all dented up on the side...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...but it was laying right at a point where I had to merge into traffic, no cars were coming so I swung my door out, and it's laying there with this...

PJ I wonder why somebody would throw that out?

DR Oh it fell of their car...

PJ Oh, okay.

DR And I picked it up because I go man if a car hits something like this, it looks very...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...thick, maybe cause and accident I don't know, picked up. Kinda nice, can't throw it away.

PJ Yeah.

DR These chairs...

PJ I suppose you found these in the ditch, right?

DR I found these...

PJ Did you see 'em...

DR ...on Division Street, laying in traffic, when I was running and I...

PJ Well here comes the warrant.

DR (inaudible)

PJ Can't help it can ya? (laughs)

DR In school I have ah-one of the schools chairs that's really old and worn, I was driving down Tenth Street about, I bet it's fifteen years ago...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...thirteen maybe, no fifteen, and there's a cushion on the street, ten o'clock at night...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...Tenth Street past Ninth Avenue and Tenth Street, right down that street right there. Drive by that and I go, ah I know what that...

PJ Well what do you spend-just out of curiosity, nothing to do with anything, what do you spend your money on?

DR Ah food...

PJ I mean because your brothers well he's tight you tell me your tight, what-what do you spend your money on?

DR Food and marathons and-and ah I buy a lot of stuff for school. I spend a lotta money for school stuff.

PJ You mean like instruments or what?

DR Instruments, music, and...

PJ That just you use or?

DR My kids use it, and my job changing so much now I'm realizing that's probably not a good thing to do anymore.

PJ Why because it's just too expensive.

DR They've made so many cuts that, my jobs going to be so different next year and- (inaudible). So they're gonna come in the house with dogs and we have to stay out here?

PJ Um-hum.

(pause)

PJ You'll hear the dog barking and I'll ask em-one of the dog barks when they ah alert, I don't know which dog they're bringing over here. If they're going to go into your bedroom, I will make sure they come down and tell us that-if they are going to search in your bedroom.

(pause)

PJ I don't think-I told them what you-that you let me look in your room and I told them how it was.

DR What was their reaction?

PJ I don't think they-they said-I said it's very organized but it's-it's from the top to the bottom. Of what? I said boxes. What's in the boxes? I said well I think just miscellaneous paperwork.

DR Most of it, when you really look at...

PJ I mean I didn't look to see what your labels were, but-

DR Most of it are-are the majority are in plastic from Office Max (inaudible) clear where you can see it's shirts...

PJ Okay.

DR ...I have 'em- a lot of 'em I have labels...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...you can see what it is, um, my laundry's in there, ah...

PJ So most of them they'd be able to just, shirts, that, well, I mean...

DR Well yeah...

PJ Yeah.

DR ...I mean...

PJ Yeah...

DR ...what if they're actually looking for, like, say, something that I would have as a guy and I got a souvenir from this whole...

PJ Yeah.

DR ...(inaudible), then you gotta go through it all.

PJ Um...

DR Shirt by shirt basically. Box by box.

(pause)

PJ And do you ever get to the point where you kinda prioritize the stuff that you know you're gonna get into sooner or later? Like, this here stuff, do you ever, move that to the back and move something up to the front?

DR Well, yeah. Like right now I'm wearing shirts from radio stations.

PJ Oh okay.

DR (inaudible)

PJ Sure.

DR (inaudible)

PJ Okay.

DR (inaudible)

PJ Okay. Are you gonna bring one or two dogs over?

?? I think just one.

PJ Okay.

?? (inaudible)

PJ Okay.

?? (inaudible)

PJ So this week you do radio stations all week or what?

DR Oh, 'til the box runs out and...

PJ And then you bring it to the laundry and-, or your mom launders 'em. Your mom...

DR (inaudible) wash.

PJ Oh really?

DR They don't let me do it here. (inaudible) live at home, but I-

PJ You basically sleep here?

DR I sleep here...

PJ So you're kinda like an apartment, really.

DR Basically.

PJ Yeah, I mean you do your laundry, you buy your own food, eat out-

DR Yeah. And of course the question with the acquisition they're why isn't the guy married...

PJ Well that-that's irrelevant.

DR Trish got into that little bit, and I was honest with her but it didn't do any good.

PJ No, a lot of people aren't married, a lot of people are divorced. That's-that is a-I mean that's kind of irrelevant this day and age, maybe back 30 years ago, people-but to me that's irrelevant anymore. Your brother's not married.

DR My oldest brother isn't, my youngest brother, he has a, pretty nice girlfriend...

PJ Um-hm.

(pause)

PJ Well.

(pause)

PJ Does she think you're-you have that compulsive or-disorder?

DR Put it this way...

PJ I mean I'm not being insultive, but I mean do you think you are or whatever?

DR When I-when I read these books, there's this one book, what is it called Lock Out, something, on the back of the book you know how they'll have-do this, this they had about ten things...

PJ Yep.

DR ...and then on the bottom it said if you do any one of these things...

PJ You are.

DR Yeah, and I-I looked at it, I go, but I-I know I have that problem and I'm working on it.

PJ I think that's-that's something I think you're kinda born with. Don't you?

DR It's-it's not-kinda how you're brought up too, you know, saving stuff, not wanting to throw away something because you think it could come in handy...

PJ Um-hm.

DR Um. I don't want to throw away shirts that I, got from a marathon, because...

PJ Well that I would want to keep, 'cuz that's something you ran a marathon for.

DR It's kinda the-it's the-I don't throw away letters...

PJ Right.

DR ...and things like that. (inaudible).

KM (inaudible)

PJ Yep, yeah we can move over there. We can move over out of the sh-in the shade over there.

KM Yeah (inaudible)...

PJ I explained to him that the dogs going through...

KM (inaudible) somewhere?

PJ I put it in my car. Um, we went up, Kenny wasn't here before Dan, and when I was those guys, and he showed me where that chest is there's another chest there, and then he showed me where his room was.

DR Did they need to see where it is before, are you going up with them or?

PJ No I can show you where the chest (inaudible) but, um, he's got a very full room of boxes are very organized, such as like his and-that's what causing the anxiety is-is the organization of his room...

DR Ah...

PJ ...he's got tee-shirts...

DR ...there's just so much stuff in there.

PJ Yeah. He's kinda embarrassed about it, I told him not to be embarrassed 'cuz it's all clean and organized, it's not like it's ah, (inaudible) or anything. But. So yeah we went in he showed me that and he showed me his room, that's the only place we went.

(pause)

PJ So.

S? We didn't actually meet this morning, I'm Shane.

DR Oh nice to meet you.

PJ (inaudible) trucks loads of stuff we got out of there now, what are you on four or?

S? I believe that's six.

DR I would-I would say six, yeah.

S? I believe it's six.

DR That's a lot of stuff, we don't want it back because that stuff is bad news right...

S? Well if we bring it back, we'll try to put it in exactly the same way, we took pictures on the way in, so we'll make sure...

DR Nothing's gonna leak out of the back of those trucks is it?

S? No...

DR Like a nail or two?

S? No, they're-they're se...

DR It's pretty...

S? Yeah.

PJ 'Cuz he's worried about the driveway, the road all the way...

S? No they should be fine, they ah, those are, we kinda made sure that's a sealed...

DR Okay. Yeah. It's just ash from-we burn wood and then the garbage burning...

S? Well I'm hoping you're burning wood because you got about a million...

DR Yeah...

S? ...pieces.

DR ...it's smaller than it used to since Dad's not in such in good shape anymore. Yeah.

(pause)

DR Yeah. So a lot-like I was telling Dad that-lot of that maybe the dogs got a hit off of all the animals that could be in there. I know...

S? Yeah, there's any number of reasons those dogs could be interested in that and we'll figure it out. That's...

DR Yeah. You know, I know we-we'd throw in those burning barrels, it's possible that the dog would drag in dead animals you know. Dead parts of deer, you know, throw it in there (inaudible) dumped there, so.

S? Is that the only kinda dump place?

DR For many years, that's been the-the place for everything. I mean, before that it was, in the, by the rock pile, that's been cleaned up quite a bit as far as metal, but it's still a lot of stuff underneath that that I want to get time, not lately, I dig through that and pull out...

S? How do you-how do you dig through it, how do you cut through it though? Do you use a tool or...?

DR I use...

S? ...(inaudible)?

DR ...no I'm not allowed to do that.

S? (laugh)

DR Flat tire.

S? We'll he's probably a little proud of that bobcat.

DR Well he spent some money on it this last Spring. But ah, I've done my share of digging, but I, I know there's a ton of stuff underneath, there's a sink hole from the old gravel pit, 40, 50 years ago, sink hole, but there's so much stuff...

S? Is it like ah are we talking like old combines and farm equipment, or what are we talking about?

DR Old-old-yeah you could pull out anything, like I pulled out an old, couple years ago Tony (inaudible) behind his house, and old milk can. Still intact, it...

S? Wow.

DR ...was full of rocks, got it all out of there.

S? Would that-what is a milk can full of rocks worth? (inaudible).

DR I remember it was tough moving it, getting it out. But it's kinda-I kinda enjoyed digging it up. So.

PJ How many metal detectors do you have?

DR No, none.

PJ None, oh you don't-you never bought one of those?

DR (inaudible) some magnets in (inaudible).

PJ Oh, okay. I could see you going around with a-

DR I did that with-when the burn, when the sheds burned down I-before-well I didn't get it all done because Dad didn't like me doing it.

PJ What was he worried about?

DR It takes so long.

PJ Oh.

DR To get all the nails out.

PJ Oh. Okay.

DR It took a long time.

PJ What...

S? (inaudible) big like (inaudible) magnet?

DR Ah speaker magnets.

S? Okay.

DR And then I got a magnet, well the magnet I use mostly was a speaker magnet, you know, on a pole...

S? Is it powered, like battery?

DR No, no, this-pretty low tech.

S? Yeah. That would take awhile 'cuz you can get those big brick ones that are powered, and they'll suck up nails from five, well not five feet, but three or four...

DR Oh now I didn't have one of those. That's I-I was telling Pat I went down there once this Spring when Dad wasn't around and saw a pile where he dumped before I got to it and I was doing that with a magnet and realized man I could, I found almost a pail of junk that day of metal out of that, but now it's gone, can't do that anymore.

PJ So you didn't bring that to Fi-Python than, is that what you do with all it?

DR The metal I bring to Phillips...

PJ Umm.

DR ...or Midway...

S? Well we could set those aside, maybe we could set the nails aside...

DR No.

S? If you want 'em...

DR No.

S? We don't want to take your nails from you.

DR No. No it's not that, it, it's something about having them in there, rusting away, somebody in 20 years drives through there, I don't know. I'm sure there's still nails gonna be around. Not quite (inaudible).

S? Yeah.

(pause)

S? How're your folks doing?

DR Pardon?

S? Folks doing a little better?

DR I hope so, boy that was-

(pause)

?? (inaudible)

DR Yeah it's blowing off the road over there.

(pause)

?? (inaudible)

(pause)

?? Am I interrupting here?

PJ No. Nope. They're videoing in there.

?? Oh.

S? (inaudible)

?? What's that?

S? They're videoing (inaudible).

(pause/background)

S? (inaudible)?

DR I've been lately because they, they sponsored me for a little bit.

S? There you go.

DR So-. This one I don't (inaudible) they're pretty bad and I broke my foot so (inaudible) broke my foot twice and I wasn't wearing it when I broke-well (inaudible), running a long one and jumped a tree at the end couple miles left, I heard it, it was about his loud.

S? Really, what-what broke?

DR The bone...

S? Ohhh.

DR ...right there.

PJ Bobcat done now?

?? (inaudible)

PJ (inaudible).

S? Think so, think that was the last one.

DR Is that the truck going out?

PJ The bobcat or whatever the digger, backhoe.

S? I only ask 'cuz I've gotten, I don't wear Under Armours, but several buddies of mine that run, some guys like 'em some guys don't, I think it's like any other shoe.

DR I got-I'm wearing a new pair, well it's actually getting older now, but, have two more pairs brand new sitting there waiting.

S? (inaudible) sponsorship.

DR Yeah, that's part of it, that was it...

S? Yeah.

DR ...but now, now I don't-with being slower I won't be able to do that (inaudible) kinda a onetime deal, I mean...

S? Where they looking for guys that run at a certain pace at a certain age...

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DR Right.

S? ...wear the shoes.

DR (inaudible) certain pace, all kinds of politics involved. Friend, not friend you know, people taking over...

End of tape.

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PJ= Pam Jensen
DR=Dan Rassier

PJ Time is 1335 hours.

(pause)

PJ Can I ask you another quick question about that basement?

DR Yeah.

PJ When I talked to you before, I evidently talked to you about some concrete you poured in the basement. You said you had put in concrete in the basement?

DR Concrete in the basement?

PJ What-we poured...

DR I'm not sure...

PJ ...what...

DR Pardon?

PJ Something that you guys would have put concrete in the basement? Did you guys fix a hole or anything?

DR Were we-oh you're asking me now?

PJ Yeah. Did we-

DR (inaudible)...

PJ Yeah.

DR But before I can't remember talking...

PJ I don't remember either and they said well we looked at one of your reports and...

DR Oh yeah maybe from years ago...

PJ Yeah, but do you remember just fresh, do you know anything about...

DR Oh you want to go down there and I could-that would be the easiest? Point to places that have the newest concrete?

PJ Yeah, I could ask Kenny, you want me to do that-but you don't remember us-I don't remember us having...

DR The newest concrete down there would be the remolding probably they-they did that-that bathroom down there...

PJ Oh I didn't go in the bathroom, okay.

DR That's-that's a new deal there...

PJ Like...

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DR ...in...

PJ ...new within?

DR Well since Jacob was taken.

PJ Okay.

DR Um. Other things that would be different down there would be that cement-wise, that-I mean there used to be a rain cellar in there, that-that was gone...

PJ Okay.

DR ...way before Jacob's time. That-that ah potato cellar's been there forever.

PJ Yeah, but they-they said they've heard of potato cellars before so I guess isn't so odd. Okay.

DR (inaudible) dig it up...

PJ I couldn't remember that either...

DR ...that would be...

PJ ...they said you guys talked about cement, I said oh I'll go ask Dan, I don't remember that...

DR Will the dogs sniff that? And then...

PJ Yeah they were sniffing around there.

DR Yeah. Nothing.

PJ Well maybe now...

DR (inaudible)

(pause)

DR Yeah I-

PJ I can't remember.

DR The newest cement down there, would be that remodeling bathroom area.

PJ And who would have done that?

DR My dad and this guy from St. Joe.

PJ Oh okay, not you?

DR No.

PJ Not you and your dad?

DR I mean-

PJ You guys don't do any projects like that together?

DR Not-not me. I-I-I'm a klutz.

PJ Oh I-I...

DR I...

PJ ...I hire people to do stuff myself, but...

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DR I've learned now especially that, if I would ever own a house...

PJ Do you think you'll just buy this house then?

DR Well the-the thought is that, I would, but...

PJ It's a lot to keep up, are you gonna do that?

DR I-I was considering buying something with that eight-thousand dollar tax credit being the tight person I am...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...but I never had time to get serious about it...

PJ We'll they're thinking about offering that again, did you know that-well you probably wouldn't need interest rates but the interest rates are under four now.

DR Yeah.

PJ But I just thought maybe that was kinda the idea that farmers usually...

DR That-that's the thought right now...

PJ Yeah.

DR ...but.

PJ But then why would you want that big of house, I don't know.

DR That's true. It's got a lot of window-window issue...

PJ I think you're mom said you guys are gonna get a new window, or get some windows...

DR Yeah they talk (inaudible) brand new in the shop there...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...the new shed there.

PJ They said-that's what she said I am so upset because I've been thinking about these windows and then you guys come over here.

DR Yeah.

(pause)

PJ So.

(pause)

PJ Ah, come on I said four o'clock, we got 20 minutes, let's go.

(pause)

DR So they-did they run the dog through my room?

PJ Yep.

DR (inaudible)

PJ They-they sent a dog in there and they're-did they bring the other out, they sent-they sent two dogs in.

DR They had a black dog out...

PJ Did they bring the other dog out?

DR Yeah they're both out.

PJ I wasn't in there since the second dog went in, but. Oh Cassie's drinking.

DR You know what happened in that floor? That-where my room-my room is once?

PJ Um-hm.

DR When I went to Europe the last time in '94, part of the deal was that I move all kinds of stuff out of the room.

PJ Oh that's what your folks said to you?

DR I did all-I moved all these books out, heavy books...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...before I had such a mess and the amount of shirts and stuff...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...and I moved all the records out, thousands of records, and so by mov-removing all that weight over the summer, the wood lifted...

PJ Okay.

DR ...and the ceiling in the kitchen came down.

PJ Betcha you got it?

DR Part of the kitchen came down.

PJ Did you get it-I bet-betcha...

DR I remember my brother...

PJ ...they were pretty mad at you...

DR ...coming to Europe toward the end when I flew back with him and the end of the summer gotta tell ya that this happened and...

PJ They're mad.

DR So.

PJ Why would your brother go to Europe with ya?

DR Well he-I-I flew that time I flew on like a buddy pass.

PJ Oh.

DR Because he works for Northwest.

PJ Oh okay that's right. Yeah you said that.

DR Yeah.

(pause)

PJ Everybody's tired and hot like you are.

(pause)

DR Yeah. (pause) He looks familiar now, his face is kinda registering.

PJ Um-hm. I was gonna say maybe he's a little heavier than he was I'm thinking.

DR Oh he was sitting down the whole time...

PJ That's seven years ago though. Or six years ago...

DR Probably dressed up a little.

(pause)

DR Does Sheriff Sanner always dress up like that?

PJ Yeah he wears his uniform every day. I suppose he figures the media was gonna see him drive in and drive out. Yeah he wears his uniform every day.

(pause)

DR How old is he?

PJ Fifty-six.

DR Sixty-six?

PJ Fifty-six.

DR Fifty-six?

PJ Yep. How old are you now? 53?

DR He's only fifty-six?

PJ Yeah.

DR I would have guess sixty-six.

PJ Oh I won't tell him you said that.

DR Really? He's that...

PJ Yeah.

DR That's weird when I think of people and I go wow he's my age.

PJ Well I think I'll see somebody on T.V. and I'll go oh, they're my age and I'll find out that they're like 20 years younger than me, It's like Pam, you're not that young anymore.

DR Yeah.

(pause)

PJ It looks like they're loading the dogs up. That gal there, that's driving, she's driving to New York now, she drove here from Illinois...

DR Oh man.

PJ She's an older lady too.

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DR With her dogs?

PJ With her two dogs, 'cuz she couldn't, the other one flew from Vermont, the littler gal...

DR Yeah.

PJ But they-you can't bring two dogs on a plane...

DR Okay.

PJ ...so, this gal drove...

DR Man.

(pause)

PJ And they're volunteers, the National Center for Missing Children will pay their way...

DR Really.

PJ ...and pay for their food and gas and motel...

DR Wow.

PJ ...but they're volunteers. And that's why it was, and I know you're family doesn't care about that, but that's why we got them today, this-during this unfortunate time...

DR Yeah.

PJ ...was because that's when they could come.

DR Yeah.

PJ The rest of us are all here all the time, so.

(pause)

DR Did the dogs go in the attic?

PJ I'm assuming they did, I didn't-how do you get there?

DR Ah there's a stairwell...

PJ Uh-huh.

DR ...around back. But we reshingled the roof ah, could be two years ago now, and I noticed that I was up there-they got new windows put in too up there and I noticed-we vacuumed that whole attic, it's a pretty good attic for...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...how clean it is, but I noticed that it's amazing dust, pieces of wood, just keep coming down...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...you know you're house gets older and...

PJ Yep.

DR ...stuff breaks, disintegrates, falls on the floors, shingles through the little cracks, um-

(pause)

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DR Yeah we don't know what's gonna happen because we won't have anything to say about some roads that could go through here like that barn could be cut in half...

PJ Isn't that something to do with your Riverbat thing or something or?

DR Riverbat Stadium.

PJ Yeah or is that done?

DR Oh no, this is-this is St. Joe...

PJ Oh, okay.

DR ...planning and like a road going like extending over by the (inaudible) going right across...

PJ For what reason, why would you need a road doing that?

DR Because future expansion, stuff like, (inaudible) but now I'm almost looking-boy at 54 I might be dead or very-an older man-I mean a really old man before maybe it happens, especially now with the economic...

PJ Yeah they-there no money for new stuff, so-

DR They got that whole area over there that's in the city now in for Waite Park and St. Joe and nothing, you know.

PJ There's quite a bit of houses that came up down on 121 though, by the school, right? Through the last few years or?

DR By the new school?

PJ Um-hm.

DR It's not much...

PJ Oh isn't there, okay.

(pause)

DR I've been chopping at that stump but not lately.

PJ Oh okay.

DR And then Dad drilled holes in it.

PJ Piece of garbage to pick up.

DR (inaudible)

PJ That would have been the stump I think you're mom said we could, or did you say that we could take that out.

DR Yeah, she probably kidded about it. You can take that away. But I haven't-this Spring I was chopping-I got all of that...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...it was like this, I got that, and then I was starting here, then Dad (inaudible)...

PJ Well that's still way in the ground don't you think?

DR It was big tree.

PJ Don't you think there's still a lot of this in the ground?

DR Yeah, oh yeah, yeah. It was planted in about '85, and it was a double tree...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...it came from down there. And it just got so big...

PJ Ah, I hate cutting trees down though.

DR Dad wanted it down. He was worried that it would...

PJ I suppose...

DR ...and it was so big it would take out that...

PJ ...I just love trees...

DR ...and you see that bird bath over there with the big stump?

PJ Yep.

DR That was a triple tree the same kind...

PJ Awww...

DR ...and it-and one broke off last summer from a storm...

PJ Um-hm.

DR ...and then he had tree people come in and take both of these down. And he-you know what the other thing was that was enticing, to get him out of here?

PJ Hum?

DR It was bad. All, both trees had, the-the...

PJ Sap?

DR ...the furry stuff. Just...

PJ Oh.

DR ...like the...

PJ The cotton stuff, you mean?

DR Yeah, but it looked like it was snowing.

PJ Oh, okay.

DR It was bad.

(pause)

DR Dad's gonna try to sell that playhouse.

PJ That's what your mom said that one of your nieces was gonna make a picture of it and put it on like Craigslist or something.

DR He had a nice-a nice on stilts next to the-close to the shop and by the time realized there was a fire, I ran down there at two-thirty in the morning, it was just, almost like a torch...

PJ Umm...

DR ...it was a torch, it was just-, nothing there.

PJ What did you do with that search warrant that they gave you for the house?

DR It's in my pocket.

PJ Okay.

(pause)

PJ They gotta give you a receipt yet...

DR Oh.

PJ ... when they leave okay?

(pause)

PJ There's another bo-water bottle they must have threw out, I don't know who's that was. My Pepsi can.

(pause)

End of tape.

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VOICEMAIL MESSAGE LEFT ON CAPT. JENSEN'S PHONE
BY DANIEL RASSIER ON 7/23/10 AT 11:05 HOURS.

TRANSCRIBED ON/BY: JULY 26, 2010/1146 HOURS BY BJM

Hey Pam ah Dan Rassier calling sorry to bother you. This might be almost silly but ah I don't believe we brought this up before um that stuff that you loaded up ah the ash and the dirt, maybe the dogs hit on it because my dad's thumb is basically in that pile. He lost his thumb in the shop and ah it was ah ground up pretty good but all of that matter ended up in that pile somehow and ah it's possible that's what the dogs picked up. Just a thought. Just so you know that. Um probably should have said that earlier but I never thought of it until a couple days ago. Okay. Ah thanks a lot, bye.

This is a phone call ah taken by Pam Jensen at 11:05 hours on Friday, July 23rd.

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ICR# 89006407

STATEMENT OF:	SCOTT JEFFREY MEYER
DATE OF BIRTH:	12/21/1960
ADDRESS:	8550 CR 75 ST. JOSEPH, MN
PHONE:	320-333-8265
STATEMENT TAKEN BY:	DEPUTY NATE WATSON, STEARNS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
TAKEN ON:	11/16/2011 1809 HOURS
TAKEN AT:	RESIDENCE
TRANSCRIBED ON/BY:	JANUARY 4, 2012/1452 HOURS BY DT

Q This will be a witness statement in reference to ICR 89006404. The following is a digitally recorded statement of Scott Jeffrey Meyer, date of birth 12/21/1960, of the address of 8550 County Road 75, is that a St. Joe mailing address?
A Yes

Q Okay, the interview is being conducted at 8550 County Road 75 by Nathan Watson, a Deputy with the Stearns County Sheriff's Office. The date is November 16, and the time is now 1809 hours. Ah, Scott, for the record, can you please state your full name?
A Scott Jeffrey Meyer.

Q Okay, can you spell your last name?
A MEYER

Q And what's your date of birth?
A 12/21/60

Q And your home address?
A 8550 County Road 75, St. Joe.

Q And your phone numbers, do you have a home phone?
A Nope, just that one

Q Just the cell phone
A Yeah

Q And what is that?
A 320-333-8265

Q Okay, ah, I'm here talking with you today about the, the Wetterling abduction case, we had a short conversation about it, um, did you live in your house in 1989 on October 22nd?
A Yes I did.

Q Okay, and do you remember anything about the night of ah, October 22nd, 1989?
A No, I really don't, all I remember is hearing about it the next day

Q Okay and were you home that night?
A I was home that night, I'm not sure what time I got home from the cabin, usually we'd get home about 5 or 6 o'clock from the cabin.

Q Okay,
A 7, sometimes earlier.

Q And, so you said that you were, you were at your cabin, where is that?
A By Park Rapids, Minnesota.

Q Okay and you were there probably the preceding weekend then?
A Ah, no, usually we went up like a week or two weeks before deer season to do our deer stands and stuff.

Q Okay,
A And I went up there a few times duck hunting too, but, I couldn't tell you, I wouldn't (inaudible) now if it wouldn't-a been for that abduction I'd have no clue where I would have been I just remember we were at the cabin.

Q Okay
A As I heard about that the next day.

Q Okay, alright, and you said earlier um, that your, your brother was up there, what's your brother's name?
A Terry Meyer.

Q Terry Meyer and ah, was anybody else with you?
A My dad, I'm sure my brother-in-law was up there, I'm sure Al Hanson, was up there, he deer hunted with us then, my other bro-brother-in-law Frankie was probably there.

Q Okay, and ah, coming back now to this address, was there anybody else that lived here with you, in 1989?
A I don't think in 1989 nobody did.

Q Okay, and ah, do you know anything about the abduction?
A No, just what I've heard

Q Okay
A On the news and hearsay around

Q Yeah

A Town

Q From the media, okay, and where did you work during, during that, in that timeframe? In 1989?
A I think I was working, it was either the Eisenschenk Brothers or Ron Eisenschenk Construction, because I know Ronnie bought Frank out, I don't know exactly what year.

Q Okay, and ah, the records that ah, that, that we've gotten show you bought the house in 1987 is that about right?
A That, I have to look, but I, I know I was here.

Q About right? okay
A In '89

Q Okay, and ah, is there anything else, any, any, any, any information that, that you possibly have that ah, that we might need for that investigation? or
A I couldn't help you at all, I sure wish I could.

Q Any ah, any strange people around during the time? or
A Just the neighbor here, and he was investigated.

Q Okay, and you spoke
A That was a Lahr.

Q Okay,
A And I, I, I only talked to him once or twice,

Q Okay
A And I seen him uptown he, he rode his bike all over the place.

Q Okay, and ah, your interaction with him, I mean, how did that go?
A He just seemed a little odd, but he's nice,

Q Okay, alright. Okay,
A But another thing I remember about him is I don't think he drove.

Q Didn't drive anywhere?
A I don't think so, I think he was always on a bike, bu-I take me (inaudible)

Q Yeah
A Granted, but I, he was always on a bicycle. So,

Q Okay
A I don't know if he had a

Q Any other
A Driver's license

Q Other strange occurrences or anybody like that? I know it's you know a long time ago now, but,
A Yeah, no.

Q Anything that stick out in your mind? As far as that night? Okay
A I got a bad memory the way it is.

Q Okay,
A That was 20 some years ago.

Q Yes, well I think I got all the information that, that I really need from you, is there anything else that you want to add to this statement?
A No, I really have nothing.

Q Anything you feel that is important that I might have missed?
A No

Q Okay, that will end the statement of Scott Meyer, and the time is now 1814 hours. No one has left or entered the interview room.

[END OF STATEMENT]

I, SCOTT JEFFREY MEYER, HAVE READ THE ABOVE STATEMENT CONSISTING OF THIS PAGE AND 4 OTHER PAGES. I FIND IT TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT AND I AM SIGNING MY NAME AT THE END AND HAVE INITIALED EACH PAGE. I HAVE ALSO INITIALED ALL CORRECTIONS.

IN THE PRESENCE OF:

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SIGNED:

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RECEIPT

I, SCOTT JEFFREY MEYER, DO HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF A COPY OF THIS STATEMENT WHICH WAS GIVEN TO ME AT THE TIME I MADE AND SIGNED THE ORIGINAL.

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DATE: _____
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MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION

TRANSCRIPT

INTERVIEW DATE:	December 12, 2013	**BCA CASE**	1989-535
OFFENSE:		**EXHIBIT #:**	
INTERVIEW OF:	Duane Hart (DH)	**INTERVIEWED BY:**	SA Ken McDonald (KM) Captain Pam Jensen, Stearns County SO (PJ)
REVIEWED BY:			

KM Today's date is December 12, 2013, the time is 11:15 AM. We're presently at Minnesota, I'm Ken McDonald, Agent with Minnesota BCA. Also present is Captain Pam Jensen of Stearns County Sheriff's Department. And we're speaking with Duane Hart. Ah, Duane, before I turned this recorder on I explained to you briefly what I wanted—what we wanted to talk to you about. And ah, and ah, you agreed that you would at least start out talkin' to us to see if we could run some names by you and whatnot. And I explained to you that you are in a locked facility and based on that we are going to just read you your Miranda warnings okay?

DH Alright.

KM Ah, Duane you do have the right to remain silent. Anything you say can and will be used against you in court. You have the right to talk to a lawyer now and have a lawyer present now or at any time during questioning. If you cannot afford a lawyer one will be appointed for you without cost. Do you understand each of these rights as I've explained them to you?

DH Yes.

KM Ah, do you wish to talk to us at this time?

DH Yes.

KM Okay. Duane um, like I said we are looking into the ah, Jacob Wetterling abduction and where were you living at that time, 1989?

DH Up by ah, Brainerd.

KM Okay Brainerd, Minnesota obviously?

DH Right, Brainerd, Minnesota.

KM And who you living with, anybody?

DH Yeah, I was living with ah, ah—

KM I know it's a long time ago so—

DH Yeah um,

KM (inaudible) that's fine if you don't remember. Ah, it might come to you as we go along here. I'm the same way, as soon as I start thinking the name I usually can't come into my head so-um, Pam had some names that were from that—well I'll backtrack. You said you were living in Brainerd correct?

DH Well, close to Brainerd, yes.

KM Close to Brainerd. Did you ever go to the St Joe area or Paynesville area or St Cloud area?

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DH Paynesville area.

KM Paynesville?

DH And St Cloud once in a great while.

KM Okay do have friends or relatives in Paynesville or why would you go there?

DH Yes, I have my mother was living in the ah, trailer court.

KM In Paynesville?

DH In Paynesville right. And then I have an aunt and uncle that live there as well.

KM Okay is your mother still alive?

DH No, she passed away about two years ago.

KM Okay, sorry to hear that. Um, so she lived in there out in Paynesville in the October 1989?

DH Yes.

KM And you'd go there to visit?

DH On and off, yes.

KM How would you get there?

DH Car once in awhile.

KM Do you remember what you drove back then?

DH I had a brown Ford um, it was a four-door ah, I can't give you an exact model, the name of it, but—

KM Okay.

DH I was driving that for a while and then at the time that ah, the abduction with Jacob ah, I didn't have a car then and ah, so I mainly depended on the people that I was living with or friends to get around.

KM Um, Pam had some names of people in that area that you may or may not know and we'll let her run those by her and go from there.

PJ Let's back up even before ah, '89 ah, Paynesville, like in 1987 there was somebody that was um, grabbing boys, do you recall that? I got a Paynesville article, coming up behind boys and grabbing their crotches and does that ring a bell at all?

DH No.

PJ In 1989 were you hanging out with Danny Hindrick? Was that one of your roommates?

DH Ah, yes.

PJ Okay what do you remember about Danny? Do you remember—did you remember that the law enforcement talked to him about Wetterling?

DH I don't know if they did or not, he was living with me in ah, the town of Hollack at that time.

PJ Okay, remember who else was livin' with you guys then?

DH Um, right off hand, no. Ah, I don't believe that David—Dave, Hindrick, I don't believe that ah

PJ It's Dave or Dan, they're brothers right?

DH Mmm, yeah. Ah, Dave was the one that was living with me at the time. Yeah.

PJ Okay.

DH Ah, Dan ah, I know of him but ah, nothing personal. So if there was somethin', some kind of ah, story behind that there I wouldn't know anything about that.

PJ But you don't remember anybody talking about someone grabbin' up young boys in '87 in Paynesville at all?

DH No.

PJ How about ah, prior to Jacob Wetterling a boy getting abducted and getting sexually assaulted in Cold Spring, does that ring—do you recall that?

DH No I don't.

PJ None of the kids that you talked to back in the day talked about that or—

DH No um, I heard that one time that there was some guy driving around ah, after ah, some boys in Cold Spring but I don't know anything about the guy or what happened. I heard that while he was driving around one of the boys had said something about there was a two-way radio scanner, police scanner that was underneath the seat or whatever and that's about all I know of that.

PJ You don't know of any guys back in the day that you think ah, that's a little bit off and might have done something like that? 'Cuz you ran with a couple of the harder guys down there didn't ya? Was there some guys that you hung out with that you'd say weren't exactly the nicest guys—or not necessarily?

DH Not really.

PJ No? You don't have anybody in mind if you were to think back in the day who would have maybe assaulted some of the boys out by Paynesville-Cold Spring or Jacob or?

DH No, I don't.

PJ What law enforcement talked to you about Jacob Wetterling back in the day?

DH Yeah the FBI came by.

PJ Where were you at then?

DH That's when I was living out by ah, towards Brainerd. And ah, that's when I was arrested for the crimes that I had committed as far as abusing ah, young males. Um, they wanted me to take a polygraph test at the time and ah, because they had lied about their investigation and that there ah, I didn't trust 'em so I didn't take the test. Later when I went to prison ah, they had their snitches running around trying to find out about Jacob and that there and I gave 'em a false name ah, just to get the FBI to come back and tell 'em to lay off with all this stuff 'cuz I didn't have nothing to do with it. So then they asked me if I would take a polygraph test and I said sure. I don't have anything to hide and ah, they said well we'll set it up in two weeks time. And they never came back. And I was willing to take that polygraph.

PJ And that was the last time anybody ever asked you about it?

DH Well no I was aired about on TV you know from the time that I was arrested 'til two years up in here so it was about '98 ah, but—

KM They wanted you to take a polygraph since '98?

DH No, that's when all-all of the TV airs that finally stopped. But otherwise back there people asked me about Jacob and that but I don't believe—I don't know the family. My heart goes out to Patty and her husband and kids.

PJ And they were asking you that because they saw you got convicted with those other boys? That's what all the pressure's about?

DH Well they asked me-they asked me about the Jacob because I was there on the media all the time.

PJ Mm-hm, but you were aired because of the other crimes with those other boys? That's why everybody was interested in your case was because of that or some other reason also?

DH No, I was—I was—when I was arrested and ah, I was aired for the Jacob Wetterling case only.

PJ Oh, okay.

KM See I think I can speak, I don't remember you being on—I don't remember seeing that so that's why I'm a little---

DH Well I was one of the number one suspect on—three of us I guess.

KM Okay, do you happen to remember who the FBI agents were who spoke with you?

DH No, (inaudible)

KM So you're talking the news now you're talking back in 1989 or when did you get arrested?

DH 1990.

KM 1990? And that's when all the news stuff was out about you being the number one suspect you said?

DH Right.

KM Okay. I imagine you said this before, ah, we have to ask straight out because we weren't a part of all that. Did you take Jacob?

DH No, no I didn't. I didn't know anything about Jacob or the family until they were shown on TV, otherwise (inaudible) didn't know the family, I've never been in that town.

PJ How about do you know of anybody that could have? You've thought about that through the years and who's, who was around the area and—

DH Not right off hand.

PJ Anybody that was involved in your—your case that could have done Jacob?

DH No, no. No, ah,

KM Would you tell us if you did know?

DH Oh yeah, definitely. You know if I had a clue that (inaudible) that was going on or had been going on back then I definitely would let you know. Um, like I said ah—

KM 'Cuz you got a little emotional with Pamela there, it seemed-

DH Yeah it's because ah—

KM That seemed sincere, so that's why I'm asking it.

DH No, that's because ah, I guess because my ah, drinking and doing drugs and alcohol and covering up my emotions, (inaudible) and come in here and go into treatment ah, (inaudible) three years as far as what I put others through, you know, (inaudible) once. (inaudible)

KM Well, sounds like—sounds like you're learning from it though, sounds like it's sinking in. Is it?

DH Yep.

KM And that's—that's a good thing I guess in the long run right? You say before you're not using drugs or alcohol to mask if you're dealing with it right? I'm no psychologist but—one other thing Duane is ah, you seem real sincere if you knew anything about Jacob and that's who we're here for and back when you were arrested ah, our records reflect that nobody got a DNA sample from you. Um, whether it happened or not, we cannot find it. To show us today that just so we can eliminate Duane Hart from this would you be willing to give us a sample and use it for that case?

DH Sure, yeah.

KM What we have here today is just cotton swabs and they're sterile cotton swabs and we just opened them up, all you do is swab the inside of your cheek and it's all voluntarily.

DH Sure.

KM And ah, put it back in there and then the ah, we have your DNA sample. So I'm not gonna touch it 'cuz I don't wanna cross-contaminate it. Just take those two sticks out and swab the inside of your cheek a little bit, saliva, both at the same time if you want. I'll have you stick 'em back in there. There we go we appreciate that.

DH Yeah.

KM That just helps us ta one way that we can eliminate people from some of these cases that we're investigating so um,

PJ You know back in the day when you were partying with all those guys and adults and yourself and you ah, would go down to wherever you guys would party, you don't remember anybody else like showing up or cruisin' around trying to bring guys to the party or anything? Any other guys? Adults? Or not even—

DH No.

PJ So the people—the kids would end up coming down and partying with you that-that was just your idea, there wasn't another guy that would—

DH No, that's—that was my idea and then I—I ah, lived with ah, two of the buys that I was abusing at the time.

PJ Okay so there wasn't anybody else that would try to come into the party or anything like that that you can recall?

DH No, no.

PJ So when Jacob happened did you think back then at the time did you think of anybody that you thought was kind of a suspect or a freak at that time or anything?

DH No.

PJ Paynesville and Cold Spring isn't that big of an area. You must have spent some time down there then if that's where some of the events happened there you got charged with right?

DH Well most of our partying was like out in the country ah, we didn't party right in town. And as far as Cold Spring was concerned that was just passing through going to St Cloud.

PJ Okay.

KM You've been a—it's fun talking to you because you got a little different perspective and it seems like you're being real forthcoming with us and we appreciate that. Anybody since you've been in facilities like this—you've been in for awhile now, you ever think, hm, I wonder about that guy or—

DH No.

KM What type of—again you have different insight—what type of person do you think we should be looking for for Jacob? I mean if you were to profile that person what would you tell us?

DH God ah, um, like I said before the ah, the one boy that was supposedly supposed to be abducted from Cold Spring and kinda got away I guess, heard that there was a two-way shortwave underneath the seat—

PJ Mm-hm.

DH The only thing I can think of is maybe somebody that has knowledge to ah, police work, police scanners. Because it seems like that individual gets away an awful lot, like he knows the calls and can understand the calls as far as being chased.

KM Okay.

DH Otherwise than that I don't—

PJ Do you remember anymore about that Cold Spring case with that boy?

DH No, I heard that there was a couple of boys that were ah, being abducted or—or somebody had been trying to lure 'em in the car and that was about it.

KM Do you remember where you're getting this information from?

DH Hm, gosh, somebody had told me about and who it was I don't know, I can't remember, that was clear back in Stillwater.

KM Am Pam mentioned, you know she went back to '87, the Paynesville area there. I think she asked this already but anybody back then that you can think of? Was your mother in Paynesville then?

DH Yeah.

KM Did you go visit your mother there?

DH Oh yeah.

KM Okay.

PJ These weren't sexual assaults though, these were just boys were walking and coming up behind 'em and just grabbin' 'em. Nobody was sexually assaulted during those um, during that day in '87 so I don't know what the intent was, do you remember them talking about that?

DH No I don't.

PJ In '87 how old were you—what's your date of birth again?

DH Pardon?

PJ How old would you have been in '87?

DH Oh, let's see, 40.

PJ So you might have been—you would have been out of that age then of the young. Young guys then.

KM Did you do anything like that in Paynesville at that time?

DH No.

KM Okay sometimes we just need to ask some of those straight up questions you know so--

DH Yeah, and most of the time when I went to ah, visit mom ah, it was because of you know she needed help with the furnace or ah, puttin' the air conditioning in or fixing water pipe or something like that in the trailer house. But otherwise than that ah, well I stopped by every now and then but not that often. Didn't stay any long period of time.

KM Did she live by herself?

DH Yeah.

KM Is your dad in the picture here or—

DH He's been gone ever since he's been 3.

KM Gone like died or gone went somewhere?

DH No, Mom and—Mom and Dad got divorced 'cuz Dad was an alcoholic and drank up all of the checks so ah, my sister and I darn near starved to death and that's how we ended up coming to Minnesota.

PJ Is your sister the one that lives on Larpenteur Avenue?

DH No, my sister lives in New London-Spicer.

KM Who lives in that address on Larpenteur then?

PJ We stopped there looking for you one day and she said she was your mom and she told me you were here. Well I knew she wasn't old enough to be your mom. Doesn't matter, I'm just curious who she was since she says she was your mom.

DH I don't know anybody.

PJ That's the address that's listed with your name other than this address.

KM Did you have some ah, identity theft?

PJ Yep.

KM I wonder if that's part of it maybe.

PJ You don't know of anybody, a gal probly 60 that lives in St Paul?

DH No.

PJ So you never lived in what's that address?

DH No.

KM Understanding that ah, Thane's helping out a little bit?

DH Pardon?

KM It's our understanding that Thane Murphy—

DH Yeah.

KM Was helping you with that a little bit?

DH Yes, yes.

KM So maybe we'll run that by him a little bit.

PJ Yeah 564 Larpenteur Avenue.

DH I think that address might belong to the guy that's here that ah, charged ah, close to ten grand on my credit card and then the credit card company got a hold of me and that (inaudible)

PJ That's why she—

DH The address I think that belonged to him that he was using at the time.

KM That would make sense.

PJ Yeah 'cuz she said that she was your mom and that you were in here.

DH No.

PJ And I said to him I said she's not old enough to be your mom.

DH No.

PJ Okay I'll talk ta—

KM We'll let—we'll let Thane know that.

PJ Mm-hm. Alright. So you think any more when I asked you about the Hindricks as far as the Wetterling case or—

DH No I sure don't.

PJ None of the other guys you partied with or bought the dope from or anything like that that was interested in the boys?

DH No. Um,

PJ Who abused the boys that you abused with you? Is there another male your age or somebody that hung out that also abused the same kids or?

DH Not that I know of.

PJ Okay I'm just lookin' for people that you know are around that area.

DH Mm-hm, nope, not that I know of.

KM And again if you did any of that groping in Paynesville in '87 would you tell us?

DH Definitely.

KM Okay 'cause obviously young people, you know statutes probably on that maybe I don't know but—

PJ Yeah, I don't really have a complainant on it so—

KM So um,

PJ Yeah I can't think of anybody—the—

KM As long as we're here.

PJ Any other names out there that we don't ah—

KM Any of your—I haven't read a single one of your past crimes, nor have I looked in your criminal history but I know obviously why you're here but any of your victims, have you ever approached them and—and ah, one of the first things you do is grab their testicles?

DH No I usually got to know the individuals for a period of time (inaudible) abusing but—

KM Never a fun question but it's some of the things that we need ta—then it puts you in or out of the picture you know?

PJ How about Belgrade, do you know anybody—do know a Mohs, last name Mohs from Belgrade? M-O-H-S? Used to party over by Paynesville and Cold Spring, be about your age? Ring a bell? Wore a cowboy hat a lot?

DH No.

PJ No? Trying to think of the names that have come up for-

KM You talking Loren?

PJ I don't know if it was Loren or was it Dean?

KM Dean or Loren Mohs?

DH No, doesn't ring a bell.

PJ (inaudible)

KM If we leave here today which we will obviously, if you think of something would you be willing to tell Thane about it?

DH Sure.

KM That would be helpful to us?

PJ Let me run one more name by ya. James Miller.

DH Jim Miller?

PJ Yeah.

DH I've always known him to be a straight person, ah, he never you know—

KM (inaudible)

DH I know him when he had (inaudible) I've always known him to be a very straight person.

PJ Okay. Was he in the back in the day with you back then?

DH Yeah he did some partying with us.

PJ Okay so Dave is the one that you lived with and you lived with James right?

DH James.

KM Jim.

PJ Or Dave Hindrick.

DH Yeah.

PJ Jim Miller.

DH Yeah Jim he partied with us on and off but he never lived with me.

PJ How about Allen Smith?

DH Allen Smith, yeah a little red-headed guy but ah—

PJ You're describing (inaudible) can you think of anything (inaudible)

DH Yeah ah, JR is what we called 'em we ah, he was married, he was a straight guy as far as I know.

PJ Okay. Boehners? Richard Boehner? He was from Paynesville. There's a couple different brother Boehner boys. Their name's been brought up a lot with the Wetterling case.

DH No, I've heard of the name but I don't know 'em.

PJ Okay, (inaudible) think of out in that stomping ground then. Okay sorry I interrupted (inaudible)

KM No, same objective there, just running some names by him. Are you done?

PJ Yep.

KM Again we do appreciate you taking the time to speak with us today and it ah, helps that you know—

DH Well I sure hope that Patty has some closure to this one, it's been hard on that family.

KM We couldn't agree with you more, so like I say if down the road if there's something that pops in your head you think it might be helpful just tell Thane, we appreciate that and again thanks for your time today and you have any questions for us otherwise we'll—

DH No, I'm done.

KM Okay, I'm gonna shut this tape off and the time right now is 11:42 AM.

End of statement.

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TRANSCRIPT

INTERVIEW DATE:	May 12, 2014	**BCA CASE**	2014-73
OFFENSE:		**EXHIBIT #:**	
INTERVIEW OF:	John August Munz (JM)	**INTERVIEWED BY:**	SA Eric Jaeche (EJ) SA Ken McDonald (KM)
REVIEWED BY:			

EJ Alright, it is May 12, 2014, it's about 9:30 uh myself, Eric Jaeche with BCA, Ken McDonald BCA we're here with uh uh (right?

Yes sir.

EJ And uh, , can I get your full name and date of birth from ya?

EJ

EJ

EJ

Yeah.

EJ

EJ Yep.

EJ What's your birth date?

Date of birth,

EJ and we're here at ight?

Yes.

EJ ?

Correct.

EJ Is it ?

yes.

EJ Okay in

PO Box, yep, it's a PO Box,

EJ Okay and do you have a phone number

Yes...

EJ Go.

S/705

...I have

EJ Yep.

... that's my cell phone.

EJ So ?

Yep.

EJ Okay and is there a home phone at all?

Home phone is

EJ (Inaudible) that's home okay.

Yeah that's home.

EJ And anybody else live here with ya ?

Just John.

EJ Okay John and John you're sittin' in here just to help her out right?

JM Yes and it's J-O-H-N.

EJ Yep.

JM My middle name is August as the month.

EJ Yep.

JM And last name's spelled M-U-N-Z.

EJ M-U-N-Z as in zebra?

JM Yep.

EJ And what's your birth date John?

JM July 11, 1961.

EJ Okay.

JM 7/11/61.

EJ Okay and do you have a cell phone number?

JM My cell phone number is 763-732-9251.

EJ Alright, okay and like we talked about, you have some information that you want to share with us and you sh- you actually shared it originally through a letter that John wrote?

Yes.

EJ You said on your behalf?

Yes.

EJ And it was sent to the BCA it was sent to President Obama it was sent to the commissioner...

Yes.

EJ ...things of that nature right?

Yes.

EJ And it was a quite lengthy letter?

Yes.

EJ And about some of the things that you experienced through your lifetime right?

Yes.

EJ And , were you born um what's your maiden name?

EJ Okay ?

Um-hm.

EJ Was it also . at one point?

Yes it was

KM How do you spell ?

KM And (inaudible) you live here too?

JM I live here too yes.

KM Okay.

EJ Okay and which did you marry?

EJ

EJ Okay when did that marriage?

Marriage happened in

EJ Okay and how long did that last?

Uh it only lasted uh a couple years.

EJ Okay.

And that would be .

EJ Okay and was Dale Blom somehow related to Donald Blom the main man who was charged with the murder of Katie Poirier?

I was told he was.

EJ You were told he was.

But I'm not, I cannot...

EJ Okay.

...prove it.

EJ Did they hang around together?

Um I seen him with him but I...

EJ Ok you saw Dale and Donald together?

He told me I couldn't say anything.

EJ Oh okay so you saw Dale and Donald together...

Yes.

EJ ...at one time?

Yes.

EJ Was that before the murder of Katie Poirier?

That was before yes.

EJ Before, okay.

He told me just nevermind, it's none of my business who he is.

EJ Okay alright so that's kinda the foundation of the people in this circumstance that you ya know observed, these murders take place with Donald and Dale?

Yes.

EJ Anybody else with them two?

There was other guys involved but I don't know their names.

EJ Don't know their names...

No.

EJ ...but these two um...

But those are the two main...

EJ Okay and the way I understand it, I don't wanna put words in your mouth but the the stuff that you saw and observed was on Donald's property?

Yes.

EJ Okay, okay.

In the backyard on a post.

EJ So why don't we do this, why don't we start when you saw ya know some things that were related to Donald and Dale with these homicides and and you think that ya know they were involved in Wetterling possibly Jacob Wetterling, which other ones uh Miss Watson or some...

Miss uh a reporter that was ah missing.

EJ Oh ah, which in was it...

Um, j- uh, I think her name was ah, I-I...

EJ Okay.

...I have ADHD so I...

EJ Why don't you start here, why don't you start...

Yeah.

EJ ... when you first observed something out of the ordinary with Dale and and Donald.

Well when I saw them together they were very hush hush when they were talking to each other.

EJ What time period is this wher

This was before I was

EJ Before you'r

Yeah.

EJ Okay and...

Yes.

EJ What time...

'Cuz I got involved i when I was ah 13 years old.

EJ Okay 13 years old with Dale?

Yes.

EJ Where was that?

That um...

EJ When you met him?

When I met him I met him in Monticello.

EJ Okay.

Uh out on um we were living in the country. I was with my mom.

EJ What's your mom's name?

EJ uh...

s her middle name...

EJ Yep (inaudible).

...and

EJ

She's remarried now but it was at the time.

EJ Okay at the time?

Yes.

EJ Okay so then th- was was how did you come about to meet Dale?

I was walking down the road and these neighbors were moving in horses and I...

EJ Um-hm.

...show horses.

EJ Um-hm.

I did and I said well mom let's go over and kinda meet 'em ya know...

EJ Um-hm.

...I kinda said okay ya know this is cool.

EJ Sure.

Went over there knocked on the door and I said I see you got horses um, did you just move in and that's how we started even talking 'cuz it was Dale's sister but I didn't know it at the time that that was his sister um and he was staying with her I guess um he was in the National Guards at the time.

EJ Um-hm.

And he was 25 years old when I met him, that's how it got started.

EJ Okay, okay so then did your mom let ya go s- with him, with him places or...

My mom told me I couldn't sleep with him I couldn't really be with him because I was a minor.

EJ Um-hm.

And so she was telling me not to ha hang around him and be around him but as me when I was like a child or whatever I wouldn't ya know instigated a little bit.

EJ So you'd go with him...

Yeah.

EJ ...in his car and stuff or?

I would go out with him and...

EJ Go out with him.

...because he was in the National Guards at the time...

EJ Sure.

...I thought it was cool...

EJ Alright.

...and I'm like oh I found somebody ya know...

EJ Yeah.

...and...

EJ So what as things progressed what happened then?

Um I started going over to the neighbors which was his sister's, spending a lot of time over there.

EJ Can you remember her name?

Uh Lee, yes.

EJ Like L-E-E or L(inaudible).

Yeah L-E-E and her name, last name's Scott.

EJ Lee Scott?

Um-hm.

EJ So that's Don's sister or Dale's sister?

Dale's sister.

EJ Okay so then you start going over there a lot and then what?

I started going over there because of the horse- mainly because I was focusing on the horses...

EJ Um-hm.

...um 'cuz she wanted me to take care of 'em ad ride 'em and um 'cuz she really couldn't I guess because of her health problems...

EJ Sure.

...ya know that...

EJ Alright.

...she had so...

EJ So what kind of things happened then and that were start sort of...

I started sleeping with Dale.

EJ Okay.

In her house.

EJ Okay.

And my mom told me I couldn't do that.

EJ Okay.

KM And you were how old?

I was 13.

KM Did he know how old you were?

Yes he did.

EJ Okay, then what?

Then after th- after awhile I started meeting his family...

EJ Um-hm.

...um, I met his other brother Barry.

EJ Ah, Barry, what's his last name?

Barry ah, Blom. B-L-O-M.

EJ Okay. . Alright.

And um he was goin' through a divorce and everything so was ya know being with Barry and spending time with him and um, then I met this other guy that was Donald that I didn't had no clue who he was or ya know cause Dale told me nevermind it was none of my business. He's just a friend and I'm like okay.

EJ 'Kay.

But when they were talking they were like hush hush talking.

EJ Um-hmm.

And ya know I couldn't be around, no one could be around. They would like go out and like talk in their vehicle or disappear for while.

EJ Okay. 'Kay. Then what kinda things.

Then after awhile I um, through the years ah when Dale was in the National Guard, I he brought me up and um to a, it was like a gathering kinda like what do you call open house...

KM Family day.

Family day. Brought me up there and um, I was this is where it gets hard.

EJ Um-hmm.

Um, goin' around and Dale was showin' me what he did, what he was taking care of like the weapons area, the.

EJ Where is this at?

This was at Camp Ripley.

EJ 'Kay.

Um.

KM When was this?

This was when I was um, 13.

EJ Okay.

KM What year would that be?

EJ (inaudible).

JM You were

, eh.

KM

I.

KM Where you still 13?

I was 13 when he brought me up to Camp Ripley.

KM So roughly.

', ' somewhere I dono.

KM You were born in , right?

I was born in yes.

KM So.

And uh he had these officers come up and um, he said that I enticed them to actually do sexual things with them.

EJ Okay.

And I didn't.

EJ You don't know who these officers were?

No.

EJ Where did ya have (inaudible)?

It was in um, unit... It was like in ah, ah they call it, they got different units up there.

EJ Um-hmm.

And it's the section unit 3. (inaudible) these grey shed area kinda small areas.

EJ Um-hmm.

And they took me in ta the shed and then they, they started sayin' that oh your pretty you're ya know come on. We want you ta, um take off your clothes. We want you to pose. Ya know.

EJ Um-hmm.

And.

EJ (inaudible) happen?

They took off all my clothes and they took rope and they tied me up and they showed their guns cause they had their, I don't know what kind a guns you call 'em. But, their training guns.

EJ Um-hmm.

And they pointed them at me and they said your gonna do what I say and...

EJ Um-hmm.

I'd kept tellin' no I ain't doin' nothin'. I ain't.

EJ Um-hmm.

I refuse. They start slappin' me, hitting me. Ah, they blind folded me and they took turns actually havin' sex with me.

EJ Okay. What about the timeframe then regards to this stuff I mean you met Donald you're thirteen you go get you know you're assaulted at Camp Ripley um you get pregnant and then you get first to get out to this place that you, who's place is it that you get out to when is, when does that first occur?

They didn't tell me it was Donald's.

EJ They didn't tell you it was...

No.

EJ Did eh how far did you have to drive from the cities to this place?

I don't know I was blindfolded.

EJ Oh. Okay what age do you think you were when you first went out there? How old was your child do you recall I mean...

(sigh)

EJ ...would that help ya?

She was...

EJ When you first went out there.

She was very young. Um, (pause)

KM Was she living with you?

Yes was living with us.

KM (inaudible)

But he had his mom take care of her. His mom was always there taking care of the kids because they said my mental illness I couldn't take care of 'em.

EJ What was his mom's name?

Rita Carter but she's dead now.

EJ Rita Carter?

Um-hm.

EJ Okay so they the first time you went out there you were blindfolded?

Yes.

EJ And is this when they're talking then kinda sequence that she's the one or whatever?

Yeah.

EJ Okay so tell me, tell us about that then ah why did they blindfold you and stick ya in the truck?

Cuz they don't, they didn't want me knowin' where we were going. They thought it was like a game thought it was gonna be fun to let her you know meaning me struggle with because if I saw where they were goin' they knew I would come out and they knew I would say something.

KM About what?

Whatever they were gonna do.

EJ Okay.

JM Can I just fire one question and hope (inaudible), was this when you ran away?

From Dale?

JM Yes.

But I didn't run away at the time I was with (inaudible)

EJ Or would you rather have her (inaudible) and I'll sit out...

JM Not a problem

EJ Okay.

JM I just thought it may help cuz...

EJ Yeah well...

The first time I did not run away but yes I ran away...

EJ Okay

...from Dale a lot.

EJ At one, at one point.

Yes.

EJ Okay so keep on this what happened then why did, they just stick you randomly in the van and say we don't want you to see where we're going or what we're doing?

Because they're, cuz they said they were gonna have fun.

EJ Okay. Alright.

And I, I was crying I was upset I was kicking and screaming. And they told me to knock it off and do what...

EJ Okay

...was told to do.

EJ Alright what happens?

Those two took me out behind I heard chains.

EJ How far did you, you don't know how far you went or where you went or where, did your blindfold come off so you could see at some point?

I was kinda goin' like this you know trying to get it off.

EJ Sure.

And at one point I did get it off and that's when I saw the post and it was behind a the, the house.

EJ What kinda house was it?

It was like a I don't know at the time I, said it was like a he had a hidden cabin behind the house.

EJ Okay. Okay tell me what you saw then.

(pause)

When they, tied me up on the post they ah said I had it comin' to me.

EJ Um-hm.

And I was asking, begging them saying why did I have it coming to me. And they said because I ruined Dale's career being in the, the guards.

EJ Okay.

And they um started, just makin' fun a me calling me you know four eyes and calling me you know that I was no good for nothin' tramp and a slut and a whore and um and of course I

didn't know, understand what those words meant at the time because I was so young. Um, and then they started like throwing things at me. Like I had mud all over me I had you know um they were kicking dirt in my face um and then um they started to ah, ah take like rip off my clothes.

EJ Um-hm.

Um, and they said that I was a, a perfect um person for them to torment.

EJ Okay, what happens next then?

They started kissin' all over me like taking their tongue and licking on me and um (sniffling) just ah, (cough/sniffling) saying that I want it

EJ Okay

And I didn't. They took off my pants they took off my shirt they took off, everything on me they stripped me...

EJ Um-hm

...down to nothin' I was cold I was shivering um

EJ What time a year was it do you think?

It was raining out, it was muddy

EJ So, okay there wasn't snow on the ground or anything?

No.

EJ Okay.

It was just rainy and icky out.

EJ Okay.

And then they wanted me to take turns sucking on their dicks.

EJ (inaudible)

Like I was...

EJ Did that happen?

(no audible response)

EJ Okay.

Sucking on their dicks and then they um penetrated me

EJ Okay

Then they had sex with me.

EJ Okay.

And then they walked away and they left me there for a little while I don't know how long I can't say how long.

KM Who's they now? Is it Dale and Donald?

Dale and Donald both.

EJ Anyone else?

No.

EJ Okay.

Cuz they were whispering. I couldn't hear what they were saying.

EJ Okay what happens, next?

(pause)

They just left me there for a while.

EJ Okay. How did it, how did it conclude did you get un-blindfolded or did ya leave or did you stay there or what happened?

No they, untied me and they brought me back to the apartment like nothing happened.

EJ Back in was it this van that you rode in...

Yeah

EJ ...that you described?

Yes.

EJ And did they un-blindfold you so you could see the area that you were at?

After we got back into

EJ Okay so when you were on this post being sexually assaulted you didn't see the, any of the property so you don't know where you were?

No

EJ You don't know how long it took you to get home then?

No.

EJ To

No.

EJ Okay.

Nope. And they told me to go clean up. Told me to take a shower and,

EJ Alright. Did you ever see anything happen to anyone else? (inaudible)

They kept bringing me up there and there was other kids.

EJ Okay like he picked up or were there already?

Like they were there already.

EJ Other kids, same age as you or?

They I just heard 'em screaming and crying and asking why is this happening to me.

EJ Were you always blindfolded? How many...

I was always blindfolded.

EJ How many trips did you make up there or go up there with 'em? Was it always these two guys that you went up with Dale and Donald or was it...

It was mainly those two.

EJ Okay. So how many trips did you make up there and heard kids up there?

I would have to say about maybe six times I was up there.

EJ And you don't know, you couldn't tell us how long it took you to get to this property?

No.

EJ Any of these times the six times, were you sober or were you on meds or...

They had me drugged up on meds.

EJ They did?

Yes

EJ Was it your, was it your prescribed meds that you're getting?

Dale was taking meds from Hennepin County facility and, and putting 'em in me, injecting me...

EJ Okay

...so I'd stay quiet.

EJ Injecting you with do you know what?

I don't know what it was it was like ah...

EJ Dale was injecting you with meds?

It was like a um...

EJ You motioned putting it in your arm or where did he put it?

He put it all over me.

EJ Alright. Did you were you also on meds?

Yes.

EJ What kinda meds were you on?

I was saraquil, depacote, trasadal and adavan, disparitol um...

EJ Okay.

...I was like on six to seven different heavy meds.

EJ Would that stuff make you, co, incoherent?

Yes

EJ The meds that you took. Would it, would it cloud your...

Yes

EJ ...thought process?

Yes.

EJ Would it make you see things or hear things that you, maybe aren't there sometimes?

It did but I know this...

EJ It did?

...happened that it was real.

EJ Okay. But you would ss, have thing you would see or hear things that weren't there sometimes...

Sometimes yes

EJ ...with your meds?

I admit that yes

EJ Okay cloudy thought process and...

Yes

EJ ...maybe people wree talking around you but...

Yes

EJ ...you didn't know what they were saying and...

Yes

EJ ...stuff like that? Typical?

Yes

EJ Okay. But these times, this times that you were sexually assaulted by these two were you clear thought then or were you still on meds?

I was clear thought yes.

EJ Okay. Were these other times, not so much?

No

EJ Ah that you didn't, were thought or clearly can think clearly...

Right

EJ ...sometimes. Okay.

Yes.

EJ So you thought that you heard kids up here screaming when...

Yes

EJ ...you were up there? Were you always blindfolded?

Yes I was always blindfolded.

EJ Were you ever up there and not blindfolded?

No.

EJ Okay so tell me about the times you heard kids.

I heard kids that were um when they would bring me to the post, chain me to the post I would um...

EJ They'd always chain you to a post?

Yes they always would, put me to the post.

EJ Okay and like a dog collar or how would they chain you to a post?

They would wrap the chains...

EJ Around...

...around me.

EJ Around your, you motioned around your arm?

Well my wrists and my ankles.

EJ Okay.

And then tightly kinda pull it where it was wrapped around the post.

EJ All the time? Every, every time the same?

Yes. And I'd keep digging all the time to try and get away.

EJ Okay.

And I did escape a couple a times but Donald would chase after me and bring me back.

EJ Can you tell me about these other kids that you heard or did you ever see 'em?

I never saw them. I heard their cries asking why are they doing this to me. I want to go back home.

EJ Like multiple...

I want my mommy and daddy.

EJ ...at once or different at different times was it multiple kids you'd hear each times or was it just one that you'd hear crying?

Different.

EJ Different, how d okay explain to me that you'd get there once and how many kids?

I heard the one, I heard a couple of 'em.

EJ One time you heard a couple kids, on one occasion?

Um-hm.

EJ Okay boy? Girl? Could you make out.

Boys.

EJ Boys? Okay. And what were the kids saying?

They were saying help me.

EJ Okay.

Why are they doin' this to me. I want to go home. Tell them to stop. Don't let 'em hurt me.

EJ Okay. Would you talk to 'em?

I talked to 'em and they said why, why did they kidnap me. Why are they doin' this to me.

EJ They tell you their names?

No.

EJ Why not?

They didn't tell me their names because they were scared.

(pause)

EJ Were they like right next to ya or where were you talking to 'em from?

I was one side of the post and the other person was on the other side. We were like back to back.

EJ Oh on the same post?

Yeah we were back to back.

EJ So you wouldn't hear a name you wouldn't say what's your name or they wouldn't say what's your name?

No.

EJ Never?

No.

EJ Okay. Could you touch 'em?

I could try you know I kept goin' like...

EJ Um-hm.

...like this...

EJ Okay do you think...

...(inaudible), tryin' to get any clues I could to see what was goin' on and I just couldn't.

EJ Do you think in this my in this in your mind that this was real and it wasn't part a your um drugs that you were taking at the time?

I know it was real.

EJ You think, you know it was real? Okay why do you say that? Why, what was different about this than...

Because I had to take care of . . I couldn't be drugged up like I was all the time.

EJ Okay.

It was in and out ah me having my meds.

EJ Okay sometime other times than this time then you were up there could it, could you have imagined some of this or been part of your drug psychosis?

I know it was real.

EJ Well I mean other times that we talked about you said that it was right that we talked about earlier that...

Yes

EJ ...you did have some psychosis.

Yes.

EJ Was some of this not do you th, I mean this you said was real but was there other times when you said you heard kids could it not...

It's possible.

EJ Okay. And how many, how many kids did you see every time you went up there? Would they chain, would it be the same thing chain you to the post...

The same thing.

EJ Kid behind ya.

Same thing.

EJ Okay. And one time it was two kids?

Yes

EJ Two boys.

But otherwise it just kept...

EJ Was it always boys?

...repeating the same thing. No there was girls up there.

EJ Okay.

No.

EJ Your age?

It was when I knew it was some girls is because they were really screaming and...

EJ Okay

...really,

EJ Did you ever ask the boys how old they were?

(no audible response)

EJ No? Never told ya?

I couldn't really question them because they were, in an area where they were watching I knew they were watching.

EJ Um-hm.

I had to be careful what was bein' said.

EJ Okay. Did Donald or this was Donald and ah Dale there every time?

Yes they were.

EJ Did they do anything to you or the boys that were with (inaudible)

Every time I tried talking or the child, started talking they would come over and slap us and tell us to shut up otherwise we'd be killed.

EJ Okay. Did they do anything to you guys on these...

They would hit us. They would...

EJ I mean...

...kick us.

EJ Okay. Okay.

They left us out there they wouldn't give us any water wouldn't give us any food.

EJ Okay. Anything else happen?

(no audible response)

EJ How long would you be left out there?

Quite a while and that's all I could say.

EJ What did...

I don't know times I don't know...

EJ Would it be the same thing would it end in one day and then you'd be goin' home again?

Yeah it'd end in one day and then be home.

EJ All th, all during the day not...

Um-hm.

EJ ...during the night or anything or? Okay.

No.

EJ Same time a year?

Same time.

EJ Not winter?

No.

EJ Be kinda the rainy time?

Kinda rainy time yes.

EJ Alright. Alright anything else Ken?

KM (no audible response)

EJ Anything else that you have to add or we didn't ask ya?

(no audible response)

EJ So that's kind of it on what you thought could be related to some of these cases?

Yes.

EJ The girls and the boys but no names that were ever discussed...

No I never...

EJ ...or ages or...

...got, no.

EJ Okay.

Nope.

EJ Okay.

I don't know anything else.

EJ Okay. Alright.

JM How did, how did you get the names of the ones that you told me?

(sigh)

EJ Well we didn't want to...

JM (inaudible)

EJ ...interject we just want to know what she knows and...

JM Yeah.

EJ ...and stuff so.

'Member my memory is..

JM I know.

...not good

JM I know

EJ Um-hm. And we just want to know what you remember we don't wanna dig back if she told somethin' else because you said you just got off of the...

JM Um-hm

EJ ...narcotic or is it a narcotic that you were taking?

It was...

EJ Based or not?

I don't know I mean it was just medication to keep me quiet.

EJ Was it barbiturates? Any a this stuff that you said cuz I'm not a real drug...

It was...

EJ ...person that...

They said (inaudible)

EJ Give me the names of the stuff that you said you were on.

Trazadone

EJ Trazadone

Seraquil

EJ How do you spell that?

S E Q U E R L.

EJ Okay trazadone, seraquil

Um depokote

EJ Depokote

Risparadol

JM Oh slow down

Sorry

KM Yeah depokote I'm still at depokote

JM D E P O K O T E

KM Okay.

EJ And how do you spell risparatol (inaudible)

Oh R E...

JM R E S...

P...

JM P R I L...

...R... Ale

JM I believe so

risparatol

JM It's been a while since I've worked as a nurse

Topamax

EJ Topamax?

Yeah just the way you spelled it right there

EJ Okay.

Um adavan

EJ Adavan?

Um-hm.

EJ A D O V A N something like that?

Somethin' like that

EJ Okay. Anything else?

Um-um, nope that's it.

KM Are you on any medication right now?

Nope they took me off of it.

KM How long you been off?

I've been off for a good, almost...

JM Ten months.

Yeah almost I was gonna say almost a year.

EJ How's it goin'?

It's goin' very well I went through a lotta withdrawals with it I got sick a lot and my memory is startin' to come back now with what I can remember.

EJ Okay.

I'm scared though because I'm looking over my shoulder there has been attacks on my phone, hacked into um I have been followed um Jerry Kaiser was a part of it

EJ Who's Jerry Kaiser?

Jerry Kaiser was when I was with Dale, Dale had him living with him when he is a sex offender.

EJ He's a sex offender?

Yes

EJ Okay.

He was try...

EJ Like back in the day or?

He was tried up in Duluth for three kids that he sexually abused.

EJ Okay. Alright.

KM Okay.

EJ So he's just part of Dale's deal?

Yep he's part of Dale's deal and that's how they got me um on my charge for supposedly

EJ Um-hm.

And I never did.

EJ Okay. Let me ask ya this um (clears throat) when you were going through all this were you getting routine shocks too?

Yes.

EJ When, when these kids...

Yes

EJ Okay. During these episodes?

Yep in and outta hospitals.

EJ Okay.

He kept using my mental illness against me. Saying I was crazy it's not you know no ones never gonna believe you.

EJ Where is it usually m, HCMC and Regions that you were in?

Down in, yeah those two mainly. Yes.

EJ Alright. Anything else you can think of?

I can tell you more about Jerry but....

EJ Yeah, yeah I know it's about 10:18 and we'll conclude on tape here.

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TRANSCRIPT

INTERVIEW DATE:	August 12, 2014	**BCA CASE**	1989-535
OFFENSE:		**EXHIBIT #:**	
INTERVIEW OF:	Duane Hart (DH)	**INTERVIEWED BY:**	SA Ken McDonald (KM) Captain Pam Jensen (PJ)
REVIEWED BY:			

KM Today's date is 8/12 of 2014. The time is 11:15 a.m. I'm Ken McDonald, agent with Minnesota BCA also present is Captain Pam Jensen with the Stearns County Sheriff's Department (inaudible). Presently at and we're speaking with Duane Hart. It's D-U-A-N-E, Hart, H-A-R-T is that correct?

DH (Inaudible).

KM Alright. Uh Duane uh we mentioned to you that we've spoken with you before, I think it was back on December 12 of 2013 and we had talked to you a little bit about the Wetterling investigation and you provided uh a DNA sample for us at that time and at that time uh you were very cooperative with us again we appreciate that and we asked you if you came back at a different time if you'd be willing to talk to us uh you indicated that you would and that's why we're here today um, and as I mentioned to you before I turned this tape on that being you are in a locked facility um I am going to read you your Miranda warning so you understand that and then if you have questions for us feel free and we'll, we'll answer them okay? Um, you have the right to remain silent, anything you say can and will be used against you in court, you have the right to talk to a lawyer now and have a lawyer present now or at any time during questioning. If you cannot afford a lawyer one will appointed ah for you without cost, do you understand each of these rights I've explained them to you?

DH Yeah.

KM Having these rights in mind or understand them do you wish to speak with us?

DH I don't know, it depends on what it's about.

KM Okay well anytime that um you don't want to just say it, how does that sound?

DH Yeah, well.

KM Okay? Are you willing to start talking with us and and kinda get the feel of the conversation and like I say you're ah, you're a big boy you can, you can tell us you don't wanna talk or you can tell us ah you don't wanna after that or you can ask us questions, that sound fair?

DH I suppose.

KM Well I'm not trying to force you in any way Duane I maen it ah...

DH Yeah I know.

KM ...it's ah, it's certainly your choice.

DH I don't know what it's about until you start talking...

KM Okay.

DH ...I'll know.

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KM Should we start?

DH Yeah.

KM Okay um, last time we talked to you we did explain to you we were, we were investigating the Wetterling case and other cases kinda that that are similar I nature and we had talked about how your mother was in the Paynseville area and that you were in the area, back in the yeah, in the 80's, in the late 1980's okay? And you had told us that you had uh no knowledge of where did not take Jacob Wetterling is that correct?

DH Right.

KM And in fact looking at reports you've been interviewed many times about that.

DH Right.

KM And I think one time where you even offered ah, I don't know if you did take a polygraph on that?

DH I offered 'em FBI um polygraph test but then they never came back to do it.

KM Okay yeah 'cuz it when I looked in the file I did not see a polygraph but uh I know you had mentioned that last time and then we also asked you about um, we didn't get in to real detail about ya know your your prior crimes of of why you were in here but we also talked a little bit about um if you had approached any young boys in the Paynesville area and I don't think we r- gave you specific names at the time but there's one name we we just kinda want to run by you okay?

DH Um-hm.

KM And um, the name I'm referring to um is a . Does that name sound familiar to you at all?

DH I have no idea who that is.

KM Okay well this young man was approached back in May 17th of 1987 and by the way, the statute of limitations has run on this and there wouldn't be a criminal charge. Part of this is we're trying to um put closure to some of these cases okay?

DH Um-hm.

KM It's kinda like some of these, well the Catholic priest investigations, they're, they're clearing up the ones that have gone past the statute of limitations 'cuz they know they can't be charged with anything, that's a little bit similar what we're trying to do with some of these, does that make sense to you?

DH Yep.

KM And when this boy was approached and ah ah I don't know if sexually assaulted is the word but he was grabbed and fondled um, did I provide the date, this was back in May 17th, 1987 in the, in the Paynesville area um, this, the person that the perpetrator was, grabbed a baseball cap okay and back in 1987 um we did not have much, if any uh to work with DNA and and that type of science. Since then obviously we have progressed on that a long way and um if we show you a baseball cap is, I would ask ya if if it's yours.

DH Okay.

KM Okay um.

PJ Did you wear baseball caps back in the day?

DH No.

PJ (Inaudible). Not with something you'd throw on?

DH No.

PJ Something at all that you could've possibly...

DH (Inaudible).

PJ Did you wear any type of cap back in the day?

DH I have wore a cap yeah. (Inaudible).

PJ Really?

DH (Inaudible) that's too modern.

PJ Blue...

DH (Inaudible).

KM (Laughs).

PJ Don't know if there's any writing on there.

DH It isn't a baseball cap it's just a regular cap.

PJ Yeah, I wouldn't call it a baseball cap, it's a little m- like a seed hat that men wear or...

DH Yeah.

PJ But I can't see if there...

DH I don't own anything like that.

KM Have you been talked to at all about some of the uh young men that were uh I don't know if sexually assaults the word I wanna use but kinda ah attacked and grabbed and fondled in Paynesville area, have you ever been interviewed about those?

DH Um, just you two um...

KM Okay.

DH ...I mean nobody's really come down and talked to me ya know in any kind of detail.

KM Alright.

DH So I'm...

KM Are there any that happened in the Paynesville area that you, that you did that you haven't law enforcement about?

DH No.

KM Okay being now that statutes have run on them and and the situation you're in, would you tell us?

DH Sure.

KM Okay.

PJ These are just, these are like the boys are coming from Papa's Pizza, do you remember that pizza place in Paynesville? Back in the (inaudible)...

DH Oh yeah (inaudible).

PJ ...okay so these kids would kinda congregate around this pizza store and...

DH Right.

PJ ...and then they'd leave and whoever was doing this like we talked to before, would just come up basically behind the boys maybe stick their hand in the, uh crotch area over the crotch area, squeeze their testicles or something and take off, we're not talking about um, to some of these kids then back in the day would always say oh, I don't know it was right after you got convicted or when that other what you're in here for, they'd always say it was

Duane. Did anybody back in the day when you were being interviewed wh-on the crim sex ones that you actually got charged say bring up that or?

DH No. No, the the only thing is the FBI guys they're uh, ya know they mentioned that there was uh sexual abduction with young boys in like Cold Spring um in in that area and they asked me about that but I didn't know anything about it and then went on to explain that um, there was a 2-way ham one radio underneath the seat that one of the boys had recognized or heard and that's how they figured the guy was always getting away because he knew ah police ah calls.

KM Did you ever law enforcement that you could uh envision things?

DH No I had a crazy dream one time that um um about ah the Jacob Wetterling case all it was was a shadow of buildings and I kinda drew that out and I showed 'em and that was about it.

PJ That's the one that this Bloom was mention. Who's this Bloom guy?

DH I don't know.

PJ You, that you were talking about some Bloom that was with you or last name Bloom that sound familiar at all, when you're doing this visions and stuff when they talked to you way back in the day you brought up his name. Ring a bell at all?

KM He a good friend of yours yeah?

?? (Inaudible).

KM It just doesn't mention a first name.

PJ B-L, I think it's B-L-O-O-M?

KM Correct.

PJ Or...

KM He was a buddy of yours and he would actually ah seek out and and ah fondle some young guys, you told them that.

PJ You were deluding that there was a lot of sexual assaults going on with juveniles in St. Cloud at the time when you got arrested for your sexual assaults.

DH Yeah.

PJ What was that about? Back then you told 'em well you guys are picking on me but there's a whole croup of people that are sexually assaulting young boys and...

DH Oh yeah that was in ah...

PJ ...what was that about you remember?

DH That was in the St. Cloud Children's Home...

PJ Okay.

DH ...when I was a young kid when I was being brought up and

PJ That's what you're talking about?

DH Yeah.

PJ And you never told anybody at the time about that?

DH I did but ya know then um predator was more or less slapped on the hand and victim was said oh you were in the wrong place at the wrong time and that's probably ya know pretty much where it went.

KM Wh-wh- your mother lived in Paynesville, she, that's what you told us correct?

DH Yeh.

KM Okay back, how about 1987, did, is that where she lived?

DH 87', God I don't remember when she exactly, when she retired um...

PJ What trailer court did she live in before Paynesville?

DH Um, uh, in St. Cloud it was ah White, I can't remember exactly.

PJ Was it Troy County in Waite Park?

DH Waite, Waite Park. It was up, it was actually coming out of St. Cloud and you had the ah um...

PJ Right by the bridge there?

DH Yeah it was just before that overhead bridge and there was a, there was a trailer house or a trailer court over on the left hand side.

PJ Did she ever live in St. Joe?

DH No.

KM Is that the trailer park you're thinking of?

PJ Yeah that's Troy County that's the one Waite Park right by the (inaudible).

KM Okay.

PJ There's like six trailers in there and then she moved there to Paynesville is that correct?

DH Yeah, yeah, she moved from there to Paynesville.

KM And I'm sorry, interrupt you back in 1987 you were trying to associate when she retired?

DH Yeah and I'm really not sure if uh she was back there in 87, could very well been, could very well of been in 87. She might have been there a little bit before that even.

KM Okay.

DH 'Cuz it was 1990 is when I got arrested so and she was there I don't know, several years before that.

KM And you cannot recall this Bloom guy?

DH No.

KM Alright one of the other reasons we stopped by or back here is ya know last time we obtained your DNA sample and we did test a hat...

DH Um-hm.

KM The results came back is that we cannot eliminate you from that hat and we were just wondering if you had a explanation for that?

DH Not really I mean I don't see why my DNA would show up on that?

KM That was gonna be my next question, exactly that is ya know why, why would your DNA be on that hat that was found at...

PJ (Inaudible) see the labeling on it to see if it ah, a name on it or something.

DH Yeah I didn't, I didn't hang out around that pizza place at all and ah...

PJ Did ya follow boys around when they were out like camping and kinda spy on 'em and stuff when you 'cuz at that time you were pretty active with these other kids anyhow but...

DH Yeah.

PJ ...in between your victim kids did ya kinda follow some of these kids around?

DH No, no when I was in Paynesville I was there just ya know to help out my mom every now and then she had um chores that she wanted me to do and they didn't take very long but when I was done with 'em then I left.

PJ 'Cuz that's the part I kinda have a hard time with is, I ended up talking to a bunch of the victims...

DH Yeah.

PJ ...kids that, the ones that we, that you said you were victimizing and other ones that came forth and they all said that you would wander around or you'd jump in other people's vehicles and here again I'm talking about cases that we can't prosecute you on and all. They're all old but if it's not you then we need to know who it was.

DH Well I don't have any idea, I really don't.

PJ So I mean when there's, when you had this appetite for these guys and that's not probably the appropriate word but when you had this sexual stuff with all these kids when there was a down time you wouldn't go driving around just to, to watch, watch the kids or?

DH No.

PJ So it'd be, you had them, you had the sex with them and that's the same group you stuck to the whole time, the victims?

DH Yeah.

PJ 'Cuz they were all about well Duane drove around and he'd go to get smokes and he'd go get this and he was always jumping in other people's vehicles, does that sound right?

DH Well I, when I didn't have a car yeah I rode with other people back and forth to ya know go places and that but, but...

PJ But (inaudible) would you be with other guys driving around?

DH Yeah.

PJ Okay so if you saw some young kids you saw 'em but you're saying you didn't never go up and try to scare 'em or spy on 'em or?

DH No.

PJ Okay.

DH My MO on that there was uh to get to know the person and to get them to to trust me and to get 'em to know me over a period of time before even sexually abusing 'em.

KM Um-hm.

DH And as far as these stray people ah running around jumping out, grabbing 'em and that there, that's not my MO.

KM Okay and that's what we're trying to figure out and ah...

PJ But it'd be fair to say that there was probably maybe some of these victims were um cooperative but would it be fair to say that there was probably a few more victims than you got convicted of because these guys are coming forth now, they can't do nothing about it but they're claiming?

DH No.

PJ I mean 'cuz I literally have talked to probably seven or eight guys beyond the guys that you got convicted of all saying that you molested 'em and I mean they're basically coming out of the woodwork going and saying well yeah I mean ya know, I just partied with him and he did this and that and some of 'em I think were probably old enough to say yes or no so we won't

get into that tech now, techn- whatever um, is that possible that you had a bunch more victims?

DH I uh at this time I'm not really gonna say a whole heck of a lot.

PJ Oh okay.

DH I mean I've given you quite a bit of information and...

PJ Okay.

DH ...as far as me ya know jumping out and grabbing these guys, that didn't happen.

PJ Oh okay, (inaudible) curious on...

KM Okay.

PJ ...people were jumping on the bandwagon.

KM Okay um well I'll switch it back to Jacob um, do you recall um, I know it's a long time ago but you were interviewed about where you were at when he was taken, do you remember?

DH Yep.

KM What where you were?

DH Yep I was out in the country in um uh blue country uh house, living in with people I, two of the people that I victimized um, at that time ah there was like 16 people there that day when this apparently took place when Jacob was abducted and I let the FBI know about that and ah nothing else was said or done.

KM Okay.

DH And the people that I was living there with they vouch for me as far as me being there all that day.

PJ Was one of those Carol Stamps(SP?)?

DH Yes.

PJ Okay, I talked, I talked to her not too long ago (inaudible) she couldn't remember I mean you can't go ask people 25 years ago ya know, they're not gonna...

DH Yeah, well I, I remember 'cuz they had like quite a few ah of her friends that had kids over that were really really young and ah and there where her boys and uh her husband and uh a few of her other friends um that were there at the house at the time.

KM Anything about hunting or fishing or?

DH I went out fishing that day yeah...

KM Okay.

DH ...and uh was uh four little guys who came back, we were only gone for a couple of hours.

PJ Do you remember those guys names?

DH Oh it was and

PJ Okay the ?

DH (Inaudible) yeah and ah, I think one was and I can't remember, he was the other victim uh...

PJ

DH ...(Inaudible) no I don't know if was there that day or not, I really don't know.

PJ Because I've never heard that they were with you before, that's interesting. I heard you were fishing but I never, they never said who you were fishing with.

KM What's and last names?

PJ

DH

KM Do you remember

DH (Sighs).

PJ Was he one of those that got you got convicted on?

DH Yes.

PJ I don't remember a , think you got the name right?

DH Yep.

KM Do you remember where you went fishing or?

DH We went fishing there by New London um...

KM Okay.

DH ...we always went fishing by the ah um, that one little bridge the south side of New London.

KM Alright.

PJ Oh so you were just shore fishing?

DH Yep.

PJ Shore fishing?

DH Um-hm.

PJ Let's see if I got a name in here. Wasn't

DH No.

PJ No.

DH (Inaudible) was ah (inaudible).

PJ ? ?

DH (Inaudible).

PJ (Inaudible). Okay, you have (SP?)...

DH Um-hm.

PJ (SP?)

DH yeah.

PJ

KM So it was and was it you said?

PJ

KM that's right, okay and did you fish later into the evening do you remember, I know it was a long time ago but...

DH No, it was, it was in the afternoon, mid afternoon, we came back and ah I can't remember if we caught anything or not.

KM Okay so during the actual time of the ab- of the abduction of around 9:30 in the evening you were?

DH There...

KM At that blue house?

DH ...at the house yes.

KM And who, who owned the house or who's you renting it or?

DH They uh, were renting it at the time.

KM Okay, do we know where that's at?

PJ I know um would Carol Stan still be living there?

DH No, no, after this happened they all moved to Wilmar.

PJ Is this one of the houses that burnt down?

DH No I don't recall it burning down.

PJ No? Oh okay.

KM Remember what road it was on or anything or?

DH It was a gravel road so...

PJ They'd probably have that at the, the (inaudible).

KM Yeah I'm sorry, what town did you say that was by?

DH Belgrade.

KM Belgrade?

PJ 'Cuz you ended up living with somebody after a house fire, somebody's house...

DH My own.

PJ Okay.

DH Trailer house burnt down.

PJ Okay, I just remember that somehow, you somebody ended up moving because of someone's house fire and they were all living together.

DH (Inaudible).

KM Well it, the only thing that puzzles me now is can we we think of anything why we cannot eliminate your DNA from that hat I mean, it's getting to be...

PJ Any of your buddies have, would have a had that you would've lived with that could have been doing this and that you would've had contact with that hat? Any of your friends at all that you think of that would have been doing what we are asking you about as far as groping these kids?

DH Only one, the only, there was two guys that that ah which was and original dad.

PJ ?

DH Yeah.

PJ Yeah.

DH He had quite, he got drunk quite a bit and hung with another guy and they ah, when they were always kissing and ah, groping one another but ya know I don't know...

PJ Do you remember what his name was?

DH No I don't. Ah it's been such a long time and them are the only two guys that hung, that actually lived around Paynesville at the time um, lived up by the middle school, not too far away from this little white church um, he had a girlfriend at the time and he was always

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out running around. I don't know ya know I-I can't say he had anything to do with any of this. or...

PJ Uh just kinda wondering if uh you knew everybody back then, that's what we were kinda hoping that you'd think of somebody.

DH Ya know but the hat don't look familiar at all.

PJ How about a striped um, the guy that would do this would wear something, a couple described as like a orange candy striped um shirt or jacket or remember those old blue parkas that everybody used to wear, old blue parkas with a big collar that were really popular...

DH (Inaudible).

PJ ...did you have one of those or do you remember any of your buddies having a blue parka with the orange inside, you know which ones I'm talking about...

DH Um-hm.

PJ ...everybody yeah, do you remember any of your buddies wearing any of those? Or not necessarily buddies but somebody that could be doing yeah...

DH (Inaudible) the only people that I would know, no.

PJ Well do you remember everybody hanging out? You know this place down by the river?

DH I don't wanna think that what's his name had a uh ah blue parka like that with a orange lining and I can't remember what they had 'cuz Jim, he lived right there in Paynesville, I don't remember what his last name was though.

PJ Can you remember what he did or how we could figure out who that was?

DH (Sighs) he was a younger guy, (inaudible) he was probably 20, 21 um, he hung around with quite a few of the guys that I knew but I can't think of what the heck his last name was.

PJ Did he work somewhere or? (Inaudible) make you ring a bell or?

DH No, I don't remember if offhand um, hm, I can't think of what his last name was. I don't know know if it would've been a Miller, I'm not sure though (inaudible).

KM Was he the same age as you or?

DH No he was younger than I was.

KM Okay.

PJ Let's see if I come say out some other names and you think his first name was Jim?

DH Yeah.

KM Was he trouble?

DH No he seemed like he did a lot of ya know hunting and fishing and I don't know him right now, right about the time that he was working I have no idea um, I worked on his car one day um, I fixed that. Um, by um sister would know him because uh he used to stop over at their trailer house in (inaudible).

PJ sister would know him?

DH Yeah.

PJ Do you know if he was into boys at all or?

DH I don't know I've seen him with boys or I mean I'd seen him running around with the guys a lot but I've never seen him with the women um.

PJ But you think...

DH He's the only one I could think of that had a jacket like that back then.

PJ Okay, that's something, I'm picking your brain. They got a couple different names of these Blooms, I got a ah, Steve Bloom, you know, Mark Bloom?

DH No.

PJ Okay.

KM Donald?

DH No, I don't recall any Blooms.

PJ Okay that must have been just (inaudible) I've got a bunch of names here if I have a , I don't see anything that, they got pictures of that um area where you used to hang out, does that look familiar? Down by the river?

DH What river?

PJ Or lake, is that, is that, did you have like a fishing shack, would that be the fishing shack?

DH No.

PJ No? So they're full of crap when they tell me that was a fishing shack where you guys would drink and smoke?

DH (Inaudible) warm water and looking fish house, that looks just like a tarp strung over a...

PJ Okay see I don't really have any good pictures of it, so that doesn't look familiar at all?

DH No.

PJ Okay, let's see if I got any other names, I need Jim and in my notes here from those, from and uh, I did go talk to your sister the other day to see what she remembered.

DH She won't remember any...

PJ No, she, (inaudible) matter if she didn't and the only thing I did tell her that you, last time I saw you ya looked good, healthy wise and she kinda teared up about that so she still, that made her feel good that um, that you're doing well. I could tell, still tell that even though I don't know how your relationship was, that she cared about ya so...

DH Not much.

PJ She seemed like a really nice lady. I know but she did ah I mean at least she wanted to know how you were doing and what you look like and if you look like you're healthy so. But no, she didn't know anything, she, you guys weren't together much at all when you were younger (inaudible) and um her husband said that he saw you a few times when you were, before you got arrested but they didn't know nothing or...

DH Yeah.

PJ So, they didn't have...

DH (Inaudible) you guys go over there and (inaudible)...

PJ Well actually I think she, actually I think she kinda felt good about it because she'd been bothered by some um, like Esme Murphy and some of them um, your name had came up on this Paynesville stuff and it was on the news at one time and she felt kinda bad about that and I told 'em well we already talked to you about that so I think that made her feel kinda better that she didn't have to talk to Esme or any of those people so actually I think it was probably a good thing that I did go talk to 'em and told her that we already talked to you and stuff so but um, talked to a few of the other people that had known you back in the day. First up, talking to us a little bit but he didn't really have anything to say.

DH How's he doing?

PJ He works hard, he seems like he has a few issues in his, in his life, I don't know him that well, he seems like he has a few hang ups in his life.

DH Prior to me or?

PJ Um, I think he's still kinda struggling, I think he'd like to talk to you someday about that.

DH Um-hm.

PJ He's got the family he's had some kids but um...

DH (Inaudible).

PJ (Inaudible) kinda yeah he's got a few issues I think um, talked to him and then I talked to some other guy the other day too just trying to get some background. I don't know if he's actually a victim anymore or he was a partner of yours, trying to see what his name was. He was wondering how you were doing too, he just got out of prison. Got too many folders here. But he didn't have anything to ah add to it either but, you, what, what do you think about that , you think I can believe the stuff he says? Why do you think he, why would he say he thought you did the Paynesville gropings?

DH I don't know uh, I have no idea.

PJ No and he's, he is...

DH Ya know and as far as I'm concerned ya know he was a past victim and that.

PJ But he's really the big push to be perfectly honest with ya, he's a really b- big push that says yeah, you would go (inaudible) and he'd probably would do that in between having sex with those other boys and, he felt pretty strongly about that. He had no evidence or anything, that's just something...

DH No.

PJ ...that he would say.

DH I think he's just shooting in the dark because uh of his past with me.

PJ Um-hm. Was he your longest victim ya think or?

DH No.

PJ No? And the other one I talked with was what's his story? You remember him?

DH Yeah, vaguely.

PJ Okay and he said that you molested him for a few years but, he he also said that maybe the Paynesville thing but um, I know a lot of these guys have their own uh (inaudible) so uh...

KM Ya know one thing just the short time we've spoken with you it seems like ya know it's been a lot of years but it seems like you do have some reaction or or some concern about some of your victims and it seems like you do feel bad about some of the stuff and that's one thing that's I think that's impressed me about you where I think you're, you're telling us the truth about stuff 'cuz it seems like you are genuine as far as your victims and...

PJ Like

KM ...mistakes were made, that's nothing can be done about that now and that's one of the reasons we ya know talking to Pam was to come back to you it's like, ya know, I think if Duane had some of this, he does have some concerns, he would tell us and that's why we brought up this hat and those other victims, they're still out there, the statutes run on it, you wouldn't be charged with anything on it it was just, it seems like you do have some genuine concern that's why we felt it was worthwhile coming back and talking to you again, ya know? I don't, I don't see you as this monster or anything like that I see you as a a victim as probably when you were younger and it progressed and I'm sure chemicals, alcohol or

drugs didn't help and here we are and that's why we're, here we are again and it's like we would beg you and hope you if you did know something about this to let us know so we could help these other people too, ya know, and that's the only puzzling part is we cannot ya know this was dropped at the scene of this one boy getting grabbed and we got your DNA and it you can't be eliminated. I even brought the report for ya in case you wanted to see it but, that's the thing that we're, we're not pulling any punches what you're doing.

DH Yeah.

KM Ya know that's why we'd bring this and I'll show you, we're not, I'm not here to bullshit you 'cuz I, I don't, one think I can bullshit you um, you're not some young kid that stole a piece of bubblegum um, you've been around the block, you know the system probably better than anybody but that's we're just kinda pleading to you on that ya know?

PJ Like you coming up with that Jim name, that could be helpful to us ya know.

DH I don't know I think his last name was Miller, I'm not really sure.

PJ Okay.

DH I think that's what his last name was.

PJ I think that, I think that, that sounds familiar to me, Jim Miller. Besides him maybe having that parka is there anything else you can tell me about him?

DH Not really.

KM So if we walk out of your (inaudible) we feel pretty confident you would tell us?

DH Yeah.

KM Okay and then we're not obviously gonna sit and try to beat you up or interrogate you or anything like that, we're just appealing to you as a person.

DH I don't understand.

PJ 'Cuz let's face it, you've been in here for a long, long time you have nothing to lose by telling us at this point in time and ya know. I know you've thought about it a million times over. Anything at all we haven't asked you that you think we're missing on this whole Paynesville possible connection with Jacob Wetterling and all? Anything at all you can think of that the cops just aren't getting or, something that's been overlooked or?

DH No, not that I can think of ya know I racked my brain trying to think of anything that ya know could be evidence in some way or another as far as Jacob was concerned um, I never knew the family. I think I've been in that town maybe one time and that was with my uncle Jerry. He was a TV appliance person. We picked up a TV um, I have no idea where we were at or who's place we were at and I didn't deliver it with him so but Jerry was ah he was my uncle and he was a good person um, taught me a lot but as far as Jacob's case I wish I knew something some kind of closure on it 'cuz I do feel that (inaudible)...

KM Patty I'm sorry.

DH Yeah any time somebody loses a family member it's very hurtful, painful.

PJ And you know that because of the way you grew up I'm sure. You guys were kinda just left, you were left at that home school there in St. Cloud and sent to foster home and never really had that parent structure. Your mom had some mental illness issues it looks like and she probably didn't get any help back in the day.

DH That's about it from me.

KM Okay if you're racking your brain and you think of how or why your DNA would be on there would you tell us I mean if we left you a card? I mean...

DH Yeah, definitely.

PJ Like who's house could have you been at or?

DH Yeah.

PJ Who's car could've you been in that...

DH (Inaudible) yeah.

PJ ...that would've maybe had something like that.

KM Do you understand that's little bit of a sticking point for us.

DH Yeah.

KM As far as this I mean...

DH Yeah, I-I have no idea, back then well ya know I did a lot of drinking and drugs and that there and um, I was in and out of vehicles or going places and that but I don't ever recall wearing a hat like that.

PJ Were you ever with somebody else that did something like that uh we were asking you if you did but were you ever in the car with somebody else that grabbed up some kids?

DH No.

PJ So when there's any of these assaults going on were you ever just a bystander and somebody else was doing the assaults?

DH M-must have been because I don't, I don't recall any of these ah incidents happening as far as over by a pizza place in Paynesville or grabbing any kids or having a jacket with a didn't have a blue parka with a orange lining in it. I never had one of those so...

PJ That's why I was wondering if you had happened and you might have been with the guy that was doing this and here we're talking to you and that's why, that's why you said that Jim Miller had this jacket but...

DH Yeah he was always out hunting and stuff like that there. I recall him wearing a jacket like it.

KM Some people take pride in not telling on other people.

DH Yeah...

KM Uh are you beyond that?

DH (Inaudible) yeah if I knew anything as far as something like that I sure as hell would say something to you in order to clear my own name.

PJ Um-hm, so your acts pretty much you'd say were by yourself then?

DH Yeah.

PJ There wasn't an accomplice or somebody that we could go talk to?

DH No, no sure wasn't.

KM Anything else Pam?

PJ Hm-mm, not unless you had any more questions for us or?

DH No, I have your cards from last time.

PJ Okay um if any of those victims tried to contact you would you talk to them? I don't know if they are, I'm just saying, what do you think?

DH No, I don't know, I would have to, I guess I would like to know what kind of a structure they went through if they actually seeked out some help ya know...

PJ Um-hm.

DH ...um, rather than just coming in and asking me ah questions of being uh thoroughly pissed off which they could, they have the right to be.

PJ Right.

DH But uh...

KM More structure to it?

DH Yeah.

KM That's another thing too is um, Pam and I are are as far as BCA and a sheriff's office the ones that are working the Wetterling case and these Paynesville ones and we are law enforcement and keep in mind that uh like Pam mentioned earlier it has been kinda out in the news a little bit and and there may be other people that want to talk to you about it but we would hope that if you had information uh, we think you've been candid with us but if you did that you would let us know versus uh...

DH Do you...

KM ...private citizens or a private eye...

PJ News people and is a...

DH No I won't talk to any of them, I had, I don't know uh, channel 9 news wanted to talk to me about a month ago.

PJ You see that's this stuff, that's what...

DH And then I, I told them no...

PJ Um-hm.

DH ...um 'cuz other people have talked to the news around here and they have a tendency to say what they want to say or what the public wants to hear and they leave a lot, a lot of things out which is pretty damaging...

PJ Um-hm.

DH ...so I just told 'em no, I didn't want anything to do with them.

KM And that's why we're just trying to keep it ya know, our investigation clean and not mudded that way too 'cuz I agree with you, they could take one little excerpt or one little word you say and take it out of context and, we're just hoping that ya know, that if you do have stuff you would talk to us, the law enforcement that keeps this cases and it's a closed file until it's solved, we don't give any information out of anybody. We don't ah go and say we talked to Duane today and things like that so whereas as media or private investigators or that's different ya know so...

?? Hm.

KM ...w- we can't tell you what to do...

PJ We're just (inaudible).

KM ...we're just we're hoping ya know.

PJ I'm just forewarning you that they might be trying to talk to ya.

DH Yeah.

PJ And I know that that had told me that he thought maybe he'd come talk to ya, I don't even know if they'd let him anyway because he's a victim so...

DH Right.

PJ ...um...

DH And that's ya know that's something that usually they look at as far as the victim's concerned, they wanna know that they have some kind of structure as far as help in the past and that they can approach this in the appropriate way.

PJ Right and it being a positive thing for them too I suppose.

KM We kinda eluded this question a little bit but ya know we as law enforcement kinda have a way of thinking all our careers as far as crime and what not and Pam asked you a little bit are we missing something. From your perspective and being in here and I'm sure you've been around a lot of other people that done some things...

DH Yeah.

KM Is there a way of thinking or something that you think we're missing? I know you don't know our whole file but if if you were given the case, what type of person would you be looking for?

DH (Inaudible) no, I have no idea. You guys are professionals at what you do and that there I ya know, I wouldn't know the first thing about it.

KM Okay.

DH As far as what to look for.

KM Well I know you can't say what goes on in group and I don't want you to but you must have heard other things or other style of of MOs from other people that are sex offenders, just wondering if there's some type of personality or person that you think we should look at or or from your experience.

PJ Especially the person that would take somebody off a road, not a groomer.

DH Right, no I haven't experienced anything like that in any of our groups as far as ya know um guys actually abducting a person and and molesting them um, people that were strays or they didn't know or whatever.

KM Okay.

DH Or even being around Paynesville.

PJ There just seemed like there was a lot for Paynesville in 87 to 89, I can't believe that Duane Hart did everything in 18, 1986-1989, I can't believe that's all Duane Hart.

DH No.

PJ No, and that's what I was looking for okay Duane, they could say it was Duane Hart, it's not, one person didn't do all that and I know that and you know that. That's what we're looking for, who would be the other guy, who's the guy we're missing and that's frustrating. I'm sure it's frustrating for you 'cuz now you're talking to us again but it was like a little (inaudible) place out there back in the day but things were different back in the day, you would've got by with probably grooming one kid back in the day and that would have been the end of it. And nowadays I'm saying because kids talk about it and um the parents are different, they're pretty much just let the kids do whatever they wanted back in the day but...

DH Yeah.

PJ Things are different now.

DH Yeah I just wish they would've have treatment (inaudible).

PJ Think that would've made a big difference?

KM How old were you when you realized that...

PJ You needed it.

KM ...need, you needed it or now reflect back?

DH 25.

KM 25 years old?

PJ You think that's because you were [illegible] then, would that be...

DH Oh yeah.

PJ ...that they say that's how it started.

DH Yeah.

PJ So if you wouldn't have been put in that structure your whole life probably would've took a different turn then and you had no control over that, you were just a little boy.

DH (Inaudible).

KM How much did alcohol and drugs affect it?

DH Big time, it was a crutch, something that I used as far as not dealing with my emotions and feelings.

PJ Now you can't do anything about that, it's a little boy left alone back in the day and you definitely paid the consequences that's for sure.

KM Well D-Duane, once again we do appreciate you talking to us and I really do think you're being candid with us and I-I hope so.

DH Yes.

KM Obviously I've been lied to before ya know but I'm hoping that you're not and I'm hoping that if you think about somebody that hat or anything about what we're investigating I mean you say you have our cards.

PJ You don't have any property from back in the day, would that, would have any of your buddy's stuff or like a storage shed or a, your mom's property or any of that property that we could, that would be of interest to us do ya?

DH No.

PJ I mean when you lived with these people's...

DH Pretty much all my stuff was stolen, all my tools were stolen, my fish house was stolen, all my fishing equipment was stolen uh and that over on out there by um (inaudible).

PJ So you got arrested and then...

DH (Inaudible) got arrested then the stuff started turning up (inaudible).

PJ So when you got arrested what house were you living in?

DH (Inaudible).

PJ Okay and then you left, you just left your stuff there and you never got back to it?

DH No.

PJ Then what happened to all that stuff then?

DH It got stolen.

PJ But there wouldn't have been anybody else's, Jim Miller or anybody else's stuff mixed in that we could we maybe want to look at?

DH No, no it was pretty well all my own stuff.

PJ Your own stuff?

DH (Inaudible).

PJ It wasn't like a big community place or something?

DH No.

KM Did you stick anything in storage?

DH No, I couldn't afford it ya know ah, I don't even know where (inaudible) where to go at the time ah I was in jail and that I had no idea, didn't care really because stuffs are missing while I was still in jail and ah, was nothing in could do about it, was gone it was gone.

PJ (Inaudible).

KM On the outside world you don't have any property left?

DH No.

PJ No heirlooms from mom and dad or nothing?

DH No when my trailer house burnt down when I was in (inaudible) there ah had all my pictures and all that stuff was ah got all burnt up. They said somebody purposefully ah arh- arsoned it so I don't know who at the time would've done something like that but...

PJ Ya know on that arson subject, did you start a lot of fires back in the day because that's something else that would talk about was some fires and there again I don't care about the fires or...

DH Yeah I was (inaudible) burning ah um that wild canary grass, it got so tall I'd burn that stuff off ah keeping control of the fire and that at the time yeah.

PJ Did you burn some houses when you were pissed off (inaudible)?

DH No no, no.

PJ But who would've done that?

DH I don't know who's talking about what houses were burnt down, I know when...

PJ Supposedly a couple of your victims started on fire and they said you started 'em on fire and...

DH I came to close to that um, it was um, fire that started clear across the field where this high canary grass was and the flames were up about 30 feet in the air and ah, the fire department came and ah they were kinda green at it and I told 'em ya know we should go to work and start a fire here and have it backfire and meet out in the center if we don't do that this is gonna overcome these two farm houses and with these 1,000 gallon LP tanks it will blow and there wouldn't been nothing left of that so we did that and ah it saved the farmhouses.

PJ Yeah, so that's just a bunch of crap they're talking about then as far as fires and?

DH Yeah.

PJ You left your stuff there, it all got stolen and...

DH Yep and was not, nothing I could do about that, ya know it was locked up and after everything on the news and that there no one wanted to have anything to do with me anyway. I was the worst predator out there at the time.

PJ And that was right after Jacob when they said that 'cuz I never saw...

DH Yeah.

PJ Did do ya have, do you have any friends that keep in contact with ya? Your sister doesn't keep in ton-contact, do you have anybody that comes to visit ya or s-anything?

DH No.

PJ So why...

DH All relation have passed away and um, when you're in this kind of situation nobody wants to have anything to do with ya. My best friend Joel Beazlicky(SP?) he uh, he passed away a year ago and that was it. Yeah friends, ha. It'd be hard to even make friends if I ever do get out of here, that's another story.

PJ Yeah, I wasn't even gonna bring that up 'cuz I know that's all still up in the air right?

DH No.

PJ You getting out?

DH Yeah, chances are that are I don't know. It's taken almost 20 years now. 20 years in treatment and 5 in prison.

KM K, anything else Pam?

PJ No (inaudible) is it your lunch hour almost or did you m-miss your lunch?

DH (Inaudible).

PJ Oh is it (laughs)? Well, you're not big and heavy like some of the guys that sittin' in here so you must, you must kinda do something to keep yourself healthy do ya?

DH I walk two miles every day, I watch what I eat.

PJ You're not eating all that starch?

DH No well it's a good thing I ain't bakin' and cookin' 'cuz I really get into that.

PJ Oh.

KM (Laughs) Speaking of that do ya, do they have jobs for ya in here or?

DH I work in the kitchen as a baker.

KM Oh.

DH And ah...

KM You can't sample then?

DH Pardon?

KM You can't sample?

DH No, that's something they, they uh, they quit doing, they wouldn't let us do that anymore, cost us our job if we do so.

PJ Oh.

KM Hm.

DH Yeah otherwise of that I do prep cooking and help out in the kitchen wherever they need me but usually I bake bread about 56, 50 loaves of bread a day.

KM Wow, must get good at that huh?

DH Yeah, I ain't too bad, machines are pretty good.

KM Okay, well, again thanks Duane and you have our cards and...

DH If I think of anything I'll get, I'm gonna get in touch with ya.

KM Okay, anything else Pam?

PJ Nope.

KM I'm gonna shut this off, the time is 12:09 a., p.m. now.

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TRANSCRIPT

INTERVIEW DATE:	February 19, 2015	**BCA CASE**	1989-535
OFFENSE:		**EXHIBIT #:**	
INTERVIEW OF:	Peter Hoagland (PH)	**INTERVIEWED BY:**	SA Nathaniel Brovold (NB) Detective Kris Kolstad (KK)
REVIEWED BY:			

NB Today's date is February 19, 2015, the current time is 2:14 p.m. uh this is Special Agent Nathaniel Brovold, also present is Kris Kolstad from Willmar PD and we're here with Peter Hoagland?

PH Um-hm.

NB Pete, is your full first name Peter?

PH Um-hm.

NB What's your middle name?

PH Claire(SP?).

NB And spell your last name for me please?

PH H-O-A-G-L-A-N-D.

NB And your date of birth?

PH 06/28/47, you could just write old but...

NB (Laughs) well that wouldn't be very nice.

PH (Laughs) can I...

NB Older than me a little bit alright?

PH Eh.

NB And that makes you how old today?

PH Uh, 67.

NB 67 okay. Current residential address?

PH 416 Southeast Lakeland Drive.

NB And that's here in Willmar?

PH Yep.

NB 56201?

PH Yep.

NB Contact phone number for ya Pete?

PH 235, oh my home is 235-6233.

NB And cell?

PH I do but I don't, well right now I don't (laughs).

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NB I mean but do you own one though?

PH Oh yeah, yeah but I don't know what the number is.

NB 'Kay.

PH Ah 'cause I never call myself.

NB I, ye- people ask me the same thing I said I don't normally look at it, I can, I look at I can tell ya. Um, I told ya (inaudible) kinda just filling in once you got in here Kris kinda what we're doing um, advising that I would turn this on, hopefully it's working. It is um, I work for the state okay and I understand these guys uh I have an office right back here. I just happen to not work for Willmar PD.

PH Um-hm.

NB And I do um investigations, criminal investigations just like some of these guys do and I, I review cases um that come across our desks and I've got cases of that, that I have got a steady caseload that I continue to work on and often times when situations or investigations like this come up um, they may or may not fit something I've been looking at and that's the only reason I want to talk with you today okay? Um, you are here because of, of something that Willmar PD's investigating, you understand that fully right?

PH Yep.

NB They talked with ya yesterday and I think a little bit today and said that you've been very decent to talk with um, understanding you don't have to talk to us right?

PH I understand.

NB Do you mind if I ask you some questions?

PH No go ahead.

NB Okay.

PH As long as you, you don't mind if I go ah, I don't know what you're talking about.

KK (Inaudible) okay?

NB And um, I'm not accusing you of anything, I'm not saying that your involved, I just have some questions that I, that I really feel based on on my stuff that I need to ask okay?

PH Um-hm.

NB You're not the first person that I've talked with about any of this kinda stuff but I want you to know you don't have to talk to me. Same rights that they talked to you about yesterday (inaudible).

PH Sure.

NB If you say you know what, I'm tired of listening to your voice, you t- want me to leave you just tell me that.

PH Um-hm.

NB Fair enough?

PH Yep.

NB Okay um, Pete, how long have you uh lived in Willmar?

PH (Sighs) we went over that this morning.

NB I know.

PH 42 or 3 years.

NB Okay and I might ask you redundant questions.

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PH Maybe 43, I-I don't, no maybe, yeah, how about 43, that's close enough for rock and roll.

NB I may ask you questions they already asked, I wasn't there yesterday and I haven't...

PH No that was, that was a this morning question wasn't it?

KK Um, I don't know if we discussed that or not, maybe.

NB Well, I haven't reviewed what they talked about.

PH Some, somebody asked me today and okay go ahead.

NB So bear with me if I ask the same question.

PH Sure.

NB Um and if you don't know specifically or exactly I don't expect you to, just give me the best answer that you can and if you say I have absolutely no idea tell me that.

PH Um-hm.

NB Fair enough? Those 43 years have you um, had more than one residence in Willmar?

PH In Willmar, no.

NB So...

PH Oh, oh, wait, I see what you're gettin' at, no, that's 43 years at that address.

NB At that house?

PH Yeah.

NB Okay and you own that house?

PH Yeah.

NB Okay um have you lived elsewhere in those 43 years?

PH No.

NB Have you maintained a second residence of any kind?

PH No.

NB No? Okay.

PH I mean unless well, you were out there, (stutters) nah, it's really not mine anyway but the, would have a lake place that we go to but I wouldn't say I maintained it, I don't know if that's...

NB Okay, well you have a, do you own other property?

PH (Sighs) well I suppose yeah, 'cause we have a a joint (inaudible) we call...

NB Joint ownership or?

PH Joint ownership or whatever of the, of the lots out at the lake.

NB Okay.

PH We, we did that just before my dad died and we thought it was the thing to do now I'm not so sure but...

NB Okay.

PH ...anyway. So, so yeah I got a...

NB Yep.

PH ...maybe it'd be fair to say I have an interest. There ya go (inaudible).

NB Sure, financial just nothing else right?

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PH Yeah well, yeah I-I pay a third of the bills.

NB So you got a liability then is what you got?

PH That's what I have yeah.

NB (Laughs) okay um, I noticed something when I just pulled up something from the s- your record from the state, your drivers license, there was a memo on there about Hawaii. Have you ever, it and it appears I just did it, it it appears to me that there's a memo on there, did you ever vacation to Hawaii?

PH I have never been off the continental US, ha.

NB You haven't?

PH No.

NB Well I'll look into that and and that's the only reason I'm a question is because it said something about Hawaii um, in fact, I can probably...

PH I wanted to go there but I never ever gone there.

NB And and trust me, I-I know...

PH As a matter of fact, if getting closer to it, never been in California.

NB The reason I ask and just to show, tell you that I'm being straight up, it says a alternate, looks like it's alternate address and it's got this Hawaii...

PH Huh.

NB And this is, this is you and this is...

PH Yeah.

NB ...on June of 2013.

PH I-I-I don't wanna drag him in there but ya know there's a fellow that lives in Willmar that has an alternate add- I'd call it alternate 'cause he's there from like November to April, ha...

NB Friend of yours or somebody...

PH He and I well, I guess you'd call him a friend, he's also a customer but yeah.

NB So do you...

PH But but not, not even the names aren't even close, ha.

NB But so no idea in your opinion why that Hawaii would be on there?

PH None.

NB Do you know, I don't know Hawaii, never been there myself...

PH No I-I...

?? (Inaudible).

PH I couldn't tell ya which island it's on or anything.

NB Who, what's the name of the guy you're referring to?

PH Uh Phil Kvam I don't wanna get him in trouble.

NB No, n- and just because this isn't causing any trouble, it's causing me just confusion it's all it is. Phil you said?

PH Yeah.

NB What's his last name?

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PH K-V-A-M, there's two ways of spelling Kvam in Willmar, Minnesota and that's one of 'em, Kvam.

NB Okay.

PH And and ya know he's quite a, ah I guess I'll call him a character but uh he gets such a better rate on his cell phone that his cell phone, if you dial his phone you're calling Hawaii so to speak and then it comes back and of course...

NB Okay.

PH ...the cell system is smart enough that once it knows that he's in Minnesota it doesn't go across the ocean and come back it routes within the switch here.

NB Okay.

PH But nonetheless I always but he said, I get such a good deal out there it's just, it's worth calling long distance.

NB Is that kinda like taking up a residence in South Dakota?

PH I don't know anything about that.

NB (Laughs) I've heard of people doing that (inaudible).

PH Is that the tax...

NB Tax.

PH ...spin, no?

NB It's an income tax (inaudible) so, anyhow, um, the 43 years that you've lived in the residence here on Lakeland um, you own that home?

PH Um-hm.

NB And have you, has anyone ever resided there with you?

PH Yeah, actually ah in, when I first bought it there were a couple guys that rented from me for gee, I don't even know, three years, four years maybe.

NB Okay um, so three or four years of uh, of rental?

PH Yep I mean, I'll I'll be dead stupid honest, I couldn't afford, I don't even know how the bank approved the loan when I bought it but without those guys I'd have been screwed because we took the, the everything and split it three ways.

NB Sure.

PH And uh, boy that was a godsend for me.

NB Well it got ya, got ya started there in the early 70's (inaudible).

PH Oh yeah and ya know if I'd have been, if I'd had a brain I'd of gone somewhere else, I'd bought a different house or ya know whatever but ya know that's the way it is.

NB Yeah that's the way it is. Um, so other than the, the two, two guys you said?

PH Um-hm.

NB Other than the two guys that rented from you, nobody else ever lived there? It wasn't a family residence or anything like that?

PH Well n- I mean when I bought it, oh I can't think of the name of the people I bought it from but I bought it from some folks who had lived there I think since it was new uh which at that time was probably for three years or four at the most.

NB Okay.

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PH And I can't think of their name to save my soul.

NB That's not important.

PH Oh I-I didn't know where you were going.

NB What I'm kinda looking at and I'll get, I'll cut to the chase in just a little bit here. Just trying to get a little bit of background, I've never met ya before...

PH Um-hm.

NB And I and I don't know the ins and outs of what Kris and his partners here have been looking into and even uh fully understand why you're here today but I know that some of the things that I am looking into um, geographically involve central Minnesota okay?

PH Um-hm, um-hm.

NB Um and that's kinda what I'm getting at with ya know where you've lived and ah you've worked here all your life is that right?

PH Um-hm.

NB Right in Willmar?

PH Yep uh all my, well...

NB Well I shouldn't say all your life.

PH I mean I was just gonna say we probably need to put that in perspective because uh I worked down in the Twin Cities um probably sixty, 66 and 67 or 67 and 8, I can't remember.

NB 'Kay.

PH But ya know have I worked here all my life, no, uh not all my life, most of my working life has been here.

NB So when you ref- when you go back to the late 60's in the, in the Twin Cities, what kinda work did you do?

PH Uh, I was an in plant electrician is the best way to describe it um, we built a big, big furnaces and air conditioners I mean we frequently worked inside them when we were wiring them uh I mean they were like eight or ten feet wide and 6 to 7 feet long and uh 10 feet high you needed a step ladder when you were inside.

NB Sure.

PH And they were big honkin' roof units.

NB Okay.

PH So and we did the wiring uh on the machines and then they'd be shipped out and hooked up in the field and then ah listen I had probably more than you want to know um but then if they had an electrical problem in the plant they'd call the electrical department and so we would do other things and we, we'd do in plant wiring, I've often wondered if that was legal back then but it probably was, ha.

NB A lot of things were different back then.

PH Yeah yeah I and I was, well I worked with a fella that was, was an old electrician and ya know the old cliché, there are old electricians and old electricians but there aren't old bold electricians (laughs).

NB Yeah when you came to s- to the Willmar area then, the 43 years that you've lived in the residence that you're in now...

PH Um-hm.

NB Um, what kinda work did you do at that point?

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PH Uh, I worked for the sheriff's office actually.

NB Okay and your law enforcement career for how many years?

PH Hm, till 19, late 79, call it 1980 for all intensive purpose.

NB 1980 okay and uh is that the only job you held for that period of time?

PH Oh I did, that's how I got my business started is I did uh radio work on the side.

NB Okay and then what...

PH That, that, that's the easiest way to say it I mean I...

NB Sure.

PH ...worked out of my house.

NB And then when you left law enforcement in 1980 that's when you, did you go basically full time with the radio business then okay and have you been doing that since?

PH That's correct.

NB Okay any s- uh, any work outside of the radio business uh ah since the 80's, that th- I mean did you travel around and do any (inaudible)...

PH Let, let, let me ponder that um, well, as an adjunct I'm just trying to give you the big picture as an adjunct to the radio business and I'm gonna split a hair here, I don't wanna mess up your head but as an adjunct to the radio business which typically is two way radio um I also do broadcast engineering.

NB Okay.

PH And ah that's pretty restricted but uh I do travel around, ha.

NB Okay.

PH Or I-I did, I-I don't do as much now, pretty much now it's either Willmar or Jackson, Minnesota, that's...

NB Okay. Um, again I don't know a lot of detail about the the ca- the cases that they're looking at here. I do know the the gist, the nature of what they involve, involve...

PH Um-hm.

NB ...some contacts, some relationships, some interaction, how, however you wanna describe it with some young men.

PH Um-hm.

NB Which are similar cases that I've looked at over the years okay um, been in law enforcement for just about 20 years, been with the state uh for about six and um have done work all over this particular area, started up in St. Cloud area and then now kinda cover the whole state of Minnesota.

PH Sure.

NB So the basically the reason you're here is, is a couple of incidents that I'm reflecting back looking at from an investigative standpoint that involve very similar um types of allegations okay?

PH Alright.

NB Um no one's convicted here, no one's guilty of anything at this point in time today um, that's not what we're talking about but what I look for and what these guys look for is explanations if there is one for, for what the behavior entailed, what, what occurred um, again I haven't read through any reports that these guys have done. I don't know the nature of what you

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discussed yesterday with them um but I just know again, the gist of the fact that it was young men alright?

PH Um-hm.

NB Um, so I'm looking at a couple incidents in particular uh that that are from central Minnesota um and a couple things that I know about from the search warrant they did at your house, some things that they found, some of your interests, some of your work experience tie into these cases.

PH Hm.

NB That's why I asked for them to have you come down and talk with me.

PH Um-hm.

NB Okay? Um, so with that being said um, do you, have you ever been involved in any teaching? Any um youth uh Scouts any...

PH No, nope.

NB ...teaching or coaching of any kind?

PH No Scouts, no coach, well, let's, ah you say, when you say ever that's a very all inclusive word.

NB Well let's go, let's just talk about since you've been here, since 43 years.

PH Oh, then no.

NB Okay so prior to that...

PH Yeah.

NB ...in your younger years?

PH When, when I was in high school they had the uh high school basketball players go down and coach the little guys.

NB Okay.

PH And that's the first thing I thought of when you said have you ever done any coaching.

NB Well and and I don't mean to be so literal if I, if if there's an explanation...

PH Well see I-I am and I'm sorry.

NB And that's good, that's okay so basically have you ev- have you ever, I understand you have an interest in hockey?

PH Oh yeah, I-I...

NB Okay.

PH ...I better again I better be fair, I was extremely involved in hockey um, I don't, it's probably not fair to say that we built the Blueline Center but basically we did and ah I spent countless hours out there running wire and...

NB Okay.

PH ...putting up wall board and yada yada yada.

NB Did you play hockey?

PH Um, yes but uh you're getting the full meal deal here.

NB (Laughs).

PH Um...

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NB As long as I get him ya know, as long as I get in dinner tonight it (inaudible) alright.

PH Yeah, wh-when I was in 8th grade um I was very uh today I'd say flattered back then I kinda went huh um, the uh 8th grade hockey or no, no, no, no, my 8th grade algebra teacher was the hockey coach.

NB Oh okay.

PH And he just happened to catch me skating one day and said you really need to play hockey and and some of the other kids in the class turned the heat up and ah this is silly but I'm giving you the whole schtick um, in nine- oh I don't know what year that would've been, in early 60's, 60ish, 61, ha, you had two choices, you could either shovel the rink or you could flood the rink. Half the kids shoveled one day and the other half flooded and the next day it was backwards and I took one look at that and went ya know do I wanna go out and freeze my tail so I decided to play basketball.

NB Okay.

PH I continued to play hockey but to be absolutely dumb stupid honest I've never played organized hockey.

NB Okay and never coached it?

PH No, no.

NB Do you just have an interest?

PH I-I, oh yeah I-I-I wish I had the smarts to coach hockey ya know but I don't and I, and I never have.

NB Okay um an avid spectator of hockey?

PH I was um, things have gotten so out of control for my time and I, I can give you more details but I just don't have the time in fact I was lamenting uh that I haven't seen one high school hockey game this year either boys or girls.

NB Okay.

PH And then that's, that's really irritationg and then as a skin off of that I have, there was a, there was a bantam hockey tournament here two-three weeks ago I thought I should go to that, I never did.

NB (Inaudible).

PH So I was an avid...

(17:23-18:38 disregard audio)

NB Okay, for my purposes um if we look at it from my, my approach used, had access to or drove?

PH Alright well I can tell you what I own um, I own a a '83 Chevy van.

NB Okay.

PH Conversion van and I own a oh crap, I don't know what year it is, it's a Datsun uh, 280Z I think, that's probably a early 80's um, let me see so those are the, oh I also own a 1979 Chrysler Cordova, white over red, ha but it hasn't been licensed for I don't know how long, the tires are going flat, it sits in the garage out at the shop so those are the three I own uh I also...

NB Hold on one sec, I'm sorry, one second you and so you have the the van was what year?

PH 83.

NB 83 conversion van?

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PH Yeah.

NB Okay and what color was that?

PH Uh gray.

NB And a red or white over red Cordova, 79?

PH Yep.

NB And the other one was a in what year uh Z?

PH Uh I wanna say it's about an 82, give or take.

NB Now I'm, I know a little bit about cars but some of these, the Cordova, is that a two door or a four door?

PH That is a two door.

NB Two door?

PH And again and I and I don't wanna beat this to death but um, well in fact the van is not currently licensed, I used to drive it a lot but when gas prices went nuts I drive it twice a year. I back it out, take the snowblower out, put the lawnmower in place and I drive it back in and then typically I'll take it around the block or around a one mile section just to warm it up before I put it away so the van gets very little use um, almost zero and back to your original question the other vehicle I had like forever until it rusted out so bad you couldn't put anything in the back uh was a s-seventy five Plymouth Trailduster, it's like a Ram, a Dodge Ram Charger thing I mean it's, it's a short little bitty it's two door, removable top, blah blah but that's what it was called, was a Trailduster.

NB (Inaudible).

PH Yeah, four wheel drive type and and I bought it to have the four wheel drive capability and that was a very very good vehicle for me but it rusted out pretty badly.

NB 'Kay.

PH And that uh if you want to make a hip shot of that or want me to make a hip shot that I sold to a fella from the Twin Cities hmm, wow, probably in the late nine- mid to late 90's.

NB Okay, um, any others that you can think of off the top of your head that you...

PH Well let's see...

NB ...had drive.

PH ...uh Trailduster and oh um well it wasn't mine but I practically drove the wheels off of a Cavalier station wagon, that's, that's what I had before the Focus.

NB What year?

PH Ah...

NB Haven't had a Cavalier wagon for awhile have they?

PH I don't know, let me, I can, might be able to figure out what year.

NB Well even approximately.

PH Oh, I-I don't wanna give you bad info and and like I say it had 386,000 miles on it when I finally pushed it over the cliff um now let me think here s- Cavalier, I wonder if that wasn't an 89 maybe, nah, I uh, use that as a ballpark, don't go...

NB Well and you know...

PH ...hang your head on it.

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NB ...I'm not gonna hold it on, I'm not gonna hold it against ya. Um it's my job to confirm it, you could just give me the best, best guess and I'll do the rest.

PH Yeah.

NB Um, that's not yours though, what color was that wagon?

PH That was blue but mostly rust and I-I say that tongue in cheek obviously but that was one of those years where GM couldn't paint anything that didn't turn to rust and that's exactly what...

NB Possibly an 89, who owned that Pete?

PH Who, oh the shop owned that.

NB So it would've been licensed in your business name?

PH Yeah I'm pretty sure.

NB What's uh I'm that's Pete's Communication or...

PH Yeah.

NB ...is that how your city has your stuff to then?

PH Yep. And if it's of any importance when the tailgate fell off I bolted it back on. I took it out to (inaudible)...

NB Okay.

PH Which is a junkyard.

NB Yeah I've heard of the name I, I don't, I'm not familiar with everything in this area but I do know what (inaudible) is.

KK Maybe you, maybe you said this Pete but what color was the Trailduster?

PH That was white over, kind of a tan, a little more brown in your pants probably.

NB And the Datsun, I didn't, I didn't get the (inaudible).

PH Oh now, let me just, uh, sorry, I didn't mean to...

NB No it's okay.

PH ...to freak out here but everybody gave me all kinds of crap about that, about the Trailduster.

NB Okay.

PH Because I built and I'll sketch it for you if you'd like. I built a framework that came off of the rear frame and went up and then there was a crossbar and then I built another frame that sat in rain gutters and to split stuff up whether I was hauling pipe or ladders or whatever, I put, you or uh, eyeholes in there so everybody thought I was the eyehole saleseman, that's what they, they joke about but that was, that was an absolute distinctive uh piece...

NB Feature.

PH ...feature of that vehicle yep.

NB Okay.

PH And I'm sure I-I can find pictures of it if it becomes important but again ya know that was years, fundamentally around here especially as gas prices went up.

NB Well no and and what I'd like to do and maybe I should've prefaced this when we started talking today, I'm just gonna talk with you today and take some information from you um, and we may talk for 15 minutes, we may talk for an hour, I have no idea, however, if if I look at some of this and ya know like you just brought up, if something else I need ya know what

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Pete mentioned this gosh I'd like to talk about that would you be open to talking to me again?

PH Oh yeah.

NB Okay. It would just be to clarify something that we've already talked about.

PH Sure.

NB Not saying that oh I'll talk to you or not but um are you the ss, are there other names involved in Pete's communication are we gonna (inaudible)

PH I, I'm fifty percent owner.

NB So if I were to look at ah, a anyone's vehicles or Pete's communications for instance is there another name that it would have been under, a private name or would it have been (inaudible)

PH No it'll, it'd be Pete's communications

NB Okay

PH And, and again I'm just trying to keep it accurate the um trail duster was in my name and then when we in I'm, oh damn, see Pete's communications was a sole proprietorship to start with.

NB Okay.

PH And then we incorporated um I think the trail duster was in my name but it could have been under Pete's communications to make it more viable as a business expense.

NB Who is the other half of Pete's communications?

PH Ah Steve Linder.

NB Linder?

PH L I N D E R

NB L I N D E R

PH Yeah

NB Lind, Linder okay um any other vehicles that you can think of that you would have used?

PH Ahhh let me think ahhh, hmmm no, no

NB Okay

PH Well in 1999 that was just shortly after we had to get rid of the trail duster we bought a ah tahoe

NB And we as in you and (inaudible)

PH The shop

NB The shop okay um so why you didn't have any recollection of why...

PH Yeah

NB ...you would have been there unfortunately before

PH Right

NB Um how about ah frequent anything that you frequently do um outside of your business I know you said you've been too busy to even enjoy sports the last couple years but...

PH Right

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NB ...but I'm, I'm talking about going back you know ten, twenty years ago um did you have a routine did you, did you go around anywhere in particular did you go to St Cloud did you go to events did you go to meets did you go to games did you,

PH Twenty years ago so that'd be '95-ish

NB Yeah you know I'd say between the mid eighties and, and um and ah the mid two thousands.

PH (inaudible) ahhhh hockey sort of ceased being a big part of my life well I guess I, we were still building on the blue line but that pretty much ceased in the, probably in the mid to late nineties would be my guess.

NB Okay.

PH And ah but boy I just I frankly don't around much (laugh)

NB Spend any time in Cold Spring? Cold Spring area?

PH Oh drive through there once in a while. Before we got a Menards and a Home Depot I, I'd head for Menards or you know I'd head for St Cloud

NB But and ever ss, ever stay around or have any, any friends or associates or family members that you would frequent and stay for...

PH I'd stop at the SA there to buy gas

NB Okay

PH But no

NB Um are you in any ah organizations or groups? Any ah anything outside of work? Any,

?? (inaudible/multiple voices)

NB music groups or (inaudible) or church groups or, no? Ah Lions or Eagles?

PH No

NB None of that kinda stuff?

PH No

NB No bands or anything like that?

PH No

NB Okay. Um and again the family wise nothing in St Cloud, friends or family that you frequently visit up there?

PH No.

NB Um, I ask this question very standard question I ask of everybody I talk to when I'm looking at cases like these I call 'em older cases or cold sometimes they're cold cases.

PH Um-hm.

NB Um that if your DNA a sample were to be run through a database, you understand you obviously you...

PH Which we did this morning, well we didn't run it but we got it yeah.

NB Ah you, you've, you obviously understand a little bit our line a work at least you understood it in the seventies and the...

PH Um-hm

NB ...eighties and...

PH Um-hm

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NB ...even ah (inaudible) with your business around law enforcement a long time. Um if, if and when that, that DNA is run through a database ah through our BCA or through the, the national database um any reason that we're gonna get a hit? A match, of any cold case um assault on a child?

PH No

NB Um anything like that?

PH No

NB Absolutely confident (inaudible)

PH Absolutely and you know this morning when it was taken I thought to myself everything you hear is that DNA is such incontrovertible evidence and it's um it's so close to being a fingerprint that it might as well be for instance now that's my verbage

NB Um-hm

PH But, I thought it'll be my luck that my DNA comes up somewhere for something stupid. But otherwise there isn't a snowballs chance in hell that it's gonna match (laugh). But otherwise, well

NB I mean what, what your meaning is, is you just you're really quite thinking in your mind your luck is that

PH Ah I'm, I'm thinking that, that it you know how that song goes ah if it wasn't for bad luck I wouldn't have any luck at all but I mean just, stupid stuff happens to me whether I want it to or not but not want it to whether I...

NB Yeah

PH Whether I'm ah being careful or not or whatever the hell but, but no I don't, that would be twenty five million to one or something screwy.

NB And, and you know Pete ah again I've never met you I, I don't know you at all I'm not here to judge you at al today.

PH Um-hm

NB I in my nineteen, twenty years I've dealt with a lotta people and, and you talk about you know I, I've dealt with people that are, are cold hearted and mean spirited people that...

PH Oh yeah

NB ...that hurt others and I've dealt with people that make, make mistakes and the end result is they get 'em jammed up okay

PH Um-hm

NB And I have no where I have no idea where in there you're gonna fit okay

PH Yeah well I'm...

NB Um so I'm not here to judge ya I'm, I'm here to just get facts and, and do justice to victims that I've encountered in my past.

PH Sure.

NB Okay and, and that's all I'm trying to do is to shore up some things um I wouldn't be doing my job for families and for other people if I didn't come and talk to um people that have um that...

PH (inaudible)

NB ...(inaudible)

PH say it fit the profile or whatever

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NB Well and I'm not profile,

PH (laughs)

NB I'm not a profiler I'm just I'm ah taking a very common sense approach to this whole thing.

PH Hm, um-hm

NB I look at, I look at the reason you're here today and I look at cases that I've got and I, and I don't just say well everyone that comes in that is alleged to have done something wrong I'm gonna talk to.

PH Um-hm

NB But if there's certain criteria that they meet or if there's certain things that are similar I'm, I'm definitely gonna talk to 'em.

PH Um-hm.

NB Because I owe it to those people. Right?

PH I understand.

NB You understand that and again I'm not here to jamb you up accuse you of something you didn't do.

PH Um-hm

NB I'm just asking, sometimes they're tough questions sometimes they're not. Um, a couple of the, the cases involve young men and they involved young men um that one in particular it was alleged to have been taken against his will.

PH Um-hm.

NB Um which means you know he wasn't he was (inaudible) participant. Um if I were to show ah this party a picture of you um is there any way that they would claim it was you that did this to them?

PH Well...

NB Some twenty years ago. Eh legitimately.

PH Legit well yeah ah no, no

NB You, you recall encountering a...

PH (inaudible)

NB ...young man in Cold Spring in the Cold Spring area, ever...

PH No

NB ...in your life?

PH Uh-uh not even when we went in SA I mean ah no I mean that's, that's...

NB And these are things um when I, when I, I say that question to people and, and trust me I do a lotta homicide investigations you're not here because of a homicide okay.

PH Um-hm, right

NB Um but, but we do a serious types cases and, and these cases that I'm talking about are very serious as well.

PH Um-hm

NB Okay the alleged ah you know um taking of a, of a young man against his will and some sexual acts that allegedly weren't consensual. That, that just simply weren't consensual.

PH Um-hm.

NB Um, have you ever done that?

PH No.

NB No?

PH Hm in fact we touched on that yesterday a little bit ah I don't remember who asked the question but I'll, I'll re do it for ya if I, illustrate or whatever the, the question was if ah if my nephews we boiled that down to my nephews, if my nephews had been molested would I come unglued and I used the, the ah I ah think it's a metaphor right I used the example that's a better one that if my nephew was out playing baseball and somebody ran across the diamond and grabbed him and hauled away, hauled him away I would be all bent outta shape. But if it's something that was consensual that's, a different can a worms.

NB It is and, and what I'm looking for is there's often times where things are reported to us. Um that ah there's two sides to every story okay this particular case um we're clearly talking about some, young man that was taken against his will and he wasn't a willing participant.

PH Right, yeah

NB And I guess that's the best way I can phrase it to you

PH Yeah and no I (inaudible), that's...

NB Have you ever um have you ever been involved with a willing...

PH No

NB ...male? Willing participant from any of those Cold Spring, St Joe, St Cloud areas?

PH absolutely never

NB Never?

PH No

NB Outside of the incidents that you have discussed with these gentleman here um are there others that you know either I or they should be aware of? Um that you haven't volunteered or that they haven't cov, covered?

PH No

NB So um in your opinion I or Kris or somebody else isn't gonna find another incident where somebody says you know Pete was involved with me um

PH No.

NB And I'm talking, I'm not talking about adult consensual things I'm talking about minors.

PH I understand.

NB And that's a no?

PH That's a no.

NB That's not gonna happen, um explain I've only looked briefly in fact I was told about it not by Kris but by somebody else that they went to your house yesterday.

PH Um-hm.

NB And I'm assur, I'm assuming you know that.

PH Um-hm.

NB You may or may not have gotten a list of what they, have taken from you.

PH Ah it's a rudimentary, fundamental I don't know what you call it but yeah

NB Yeah they, they conducted a search warrant

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PH Yeah

NB Executed a search warrant and took some things. Um and I, I haven't gone through any of it I, I've just been made aware of a few things. But explain the, the Jacob Wetterling too, we all know Jacob Wetterling and the case involving Jacob Wetterling.

PH Um-hm.

NB Explain the tape that um the PD the police department took from your residence that, that's got some, some connection to Jacob Wetterling.

PH Huh, I didn't even know there was one. (laugh) (inaudible)

NB You're familiar with the case?

PH What?

NB You're familiar with the case?

PH Well as familiar as the public could be I don't know any of the...

NB Would, would you describe you having a, an interest in that case above just pure...

PH Well other than it'd be great to find him but other than no not really. I remember when it happened though ah I asked the sheriff of, of all places from Yellow Medicine County you know if he had anything on it and if he knew anything about it and the answer was no. But no and I didn't even know huh I didn't even know I had a tape that had anything on there. Is it a newscast?

NB I haven't seen it.

PH Oh

KK Yes.

?? oh, yeah

NB Did you have, did you have anything to do with the disappearance of Jacob Wetterling?

PH Absolutely not.

NB (inaudible)

PH Absolutely not.

NB Okay. Go ahead Kris I (inaudible)

KK Yeah (inaudible).

NB Um, so you, you mentioned that you talked to the Yellow Medicine County Sheriff about that who was the sheriff at that time?

PH Rich Rollins

NB And why Rich?

PH Cuz we were down there doin' some work and it was the Wetterling thing was heavy in the news and I knew nothing about it so me and my big mouth said hey what do you know about that Wetterling thing.

NB Okay.

PH And he didn't know anymore than I did (laugh) I don't mean to, I don't mean to chop woo, chop wood on Rich but ah you know he didn't know anymore than I, more than I did.

NB Sure. I'm just looking through some of the things that I have here (inaudible) notes. Do you have any, I didn't mean to cut you off.

KK Nope.

(pause)

NB Have you ever um been accused of anything like this before?

PH No.

NB Never been spoken to by a parent or a law enforcement or...

PH No

NB ...anybody anywhere at any time?

PH No, no-no-no

NB So and I ask these questions because um you know it's, it's a gauge of truthful, truthfulness I believe you've been very straight forward with us okay.

PH Um-hm

NB Um however I ask that question because you know my case work my investigation doesn't stop. And into this incident now I, I'm not part of their thing but often times people are very honest and I find out that they told me the truth and then sometimes you know this from your years of experience sometimes people tell something and I go back and I thought well that's not necessarily true because back on such and such a date there was a report or whatever so

PH Sure

NB We're not gonna find anything like that?

PH I ah as you've been talking about this I wish I, I mean I don't have a very good memory but there's this ah composite sketch or whatever of the fellow that grabbed the Wetterling boy and ah I was trying to think if I look like him I hope I don't (laugh) cuz I, I remember there was a sketch but just seemed to me kind of a round face and dark hair was what I remember

NB Yeah and you know I'm not here to talk with you about that case because there's, of a sketch um I mean there's just it's a, it's a very high profile case in our community.

PH Oh yeah

NB Ah it's one that...

PH Has been since then

NB And in my, personal and professional opinion it's a case that will be solved. You know whether it's solved through DNA or whether it's solved through some other means but...

PH Um-hm

NB ...you know again I wouldn't be doing justice that's not the only case I'm, I was here to ask you about. I wouldn't be doing justice or my job to other victims if I wouldn't have talked to you about a couple of these things.

PH Um-hm.

NB The other one involved ah a young male from Cold Spring. And that's why I asked you about Cold Spring.

PH Yeah. And, and I don't, I don't know who and I don't know what cuz I don't know anything about whatever case that is.

NB Okay. In your work with the radio business um the vehicles that you currently drive, your personal vehicles are they are do they scream Pete's communications or are they...

PH No

NB ...like a, a regular...

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PH Um there, there's no sign on 'em the only thing that they have is antennas, multiple antennas usually.

NB All the vehicles you've driven over the years have multiple antennas?

PH Um-hm.

NB Okay. And do they have...

PH Well now let's be fair, eh the focus only has two normally it's got a third one but I screw that off cuz I don't use it as much. And they're pretty, pretty small so they are rather unobtrusive. On the other hand the ah trail duster had three or four antennas right down the middle, eighteen inches long ah but again you'd have to be looking for them because it's just a, thin wire you know

NB Sure

PH But ah just about everything that I own has antennas on it.

NB Okay and have...

PH Ah additional antennas I should say.

NB Sure. Um, speaking of some of the things that they took from the residence again I, I don't know the whole list and I haven't seen any of it, or much of it however um are there things and maybe they asked you this but are there things that you have held onto over the years um that would be incriminating? Or that maybe you wouldn't really want people to find.

PH (sigh) I suppose there's always that chance but Kris can tell you my house is a disaster ah I'm a very lousy housekeeper I always have been and ah I don't like it but it's the way it is so if I'm looking for something I can't find it half the time. Ah but I don't think there's anything in there that you know...

NB Let me, let me rephrase it. I'm not here to judge ya on your housekeeping (inaudible)

PH No I understand but I'm trying to give you a perspective...

NB The question I guess is better rephrased as we, is there, is there something illegal, immoral or inappropriate that I would find illegal, inappropriate or immoral um at your residence. Meaning something that you know ah either was there at one point and time that you had or that could currently still be there that you just really wouldn't want exposed.

PH Not that I'm aware of.

NB Okay. Never kept copies of anything?

PH Oh I don't throw anything away I keep copies of all kinds a stuff. Um

NB But along those lines. Involving interactions with young males.

PH Ohh, not that I can think of.

NB Okay.

PH Um, hm

NB And that's why I ask you about the, the again I, I don't know I think there was a number of things that they probably need to look through. Okay and we're only just you know a short day after serving (inaudible)

PH There, there's tons of pictures but there's nothing inappropriate about them I mean most of 'em are hockey some are ah baseball some are sh, soccer.

NB And that's explainable I can I totally get that. The question is this you know being only twenty-four hours after, you've been here for a day now um and, and I was aware of this Jacob Wetterling piece on a tape um while you're here I'd like to know if there's more that, that might surface that was, would pique my curiosity.

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PH I seriously doubt it but I don't even know about the Jacob Wetterling thing. If that was part of a newscast that could have been a fluke.

KK (inaudible) what I was gonna say earlier it is part of a newscast but it was a segment that was re, specifically recorded and since there was a segment of a different topic then there was the Jacob Wetterling segment...

PH Um-hm

KK ...and then something else. Not like a continuous...

PH Sure, yeah

KK ...TV broadcast. Individually recorded...

PH Yeah

KK ...them so...

PH Yeah

KK ...individually recorded segment on Wetterling.

PH Hm and I guess you could say I've always had an interest in that case just because it's gone unsolved

NB Um-hm

PH But um beyond that, I don't have a clue.

NB Okay. Um, I was gonna ask you this earlier. Ah where did you grow up?

PH Willmar

NB (inaudible)

PH Well no that's not...

NB Maybe that's a bad question (inaudible)

PH (inaudible) no-no-no, no-no-no I, I was born here

NB Okay

PH And I spent the first eleven years in Atwater

NB Okay. Ah graduated from where?

PH Ah Moundsview

NB Moundsview, went to college I'm assuming?

PH Yeah my college career was pretty checkered but yes huh

NB Where did you attend college?

PH Ah it was Willmar Community College, or no was that, that's what it was called then ah and ah the U of M.

NB Did you ah obtain a degree from the U of M?

PH No

NB No, what years (inaudible)

PH Another one of my great regrets.

NB What year did you ah what years did you attend the U of M?

PH Oh probably '65, 6 (pause) probably '65 and '66

NB Okay and what Willmar Community College had been before that?

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PH Ah no after that (inaudible)

NB Okay. And, and what years approximately?

PH Well wonder what time ah probably '67, 8, 9 or '68 and 9.

NB Okay.

PH 7, 8, 9 probably

NB Any other um formal education beyond that, those two schools?

PH No.

NB Are you um a person that, carries ah a firearm with you?

PH (inaudible)

NB And have you ever been known other than your law enforcement career have you been known to do that?

PH No I, I, I passed Glen Diegens permit to carry class but I never followed through and got the permit.

NB Okay.

PH Ah,

NB Do you own gun, handguns?

PH Oh yes.

NB But don't typically car, don't ever carry?

PH Never.

NB Never have?

PH Well not...

NB Outside of seven, 78 or 79 or (inaudible)

PH Right

NB Okay

PH That's correct.

NB Anything um Pete that you can think of along you, you understand the nature of a lot of my questioning.

PH Um-hm.

NB And what I'm looking at I'm looking into unsolved cases involving um you know the alleged assault and ah sexual incidents involving young boys.

PH Um-hm.

NB Okay or young men, minor, minor boys. Any incidents um that or any questions I haven't asked you that you think are important for me to ask or for me to know? Any incidents that are gonna come up along the course of this investigation whether it lasts for a week or...

PH No

NB ...a year?

PH I, I would seriously doubt it. I, I...

NB Okay

PH ...can't think of anything that would, pigeon hole that way

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NB Okay. Um and you're certain that no other names or no other persons are gonna come forward and, and say anything about Pete Hoagland?

PH Pretty darn sure.

NB Okay. I'm just asking.

PH Yeah I...

NB And I...

PH ...I understand that (inaudible)

NB ...I'd like to know as well. And I like to (inaudible)

PH Goofy things happen.

NB I like to give people every opportunity to you know it sounds funny and again I don't know this case but I'm talking about my experience um and it may seem odd to you however a lotta people that I've sat at the table with that have felt relief when finally things when they've come clean with things.

PH Sure.

NB And I always give people an opportunity to do that. If there's something that I should know about or that Kris should know about um this is an opportunity.

PH Oh sure

NB For you to, to tell us about that. Is there anything that we need to be aware of?

PH No

NB Okay. Um, Kris have you got any questions?

KK (no audible response)

NB No? You have any questions of us?

PH Not particularly.

NB Not particularly?

PH I don't, I don't, I don't have enough basis to ask a question or at least an intelligent question.

NB Well I just wanted to take an opportunity when you were here to talk with you about a couple of these specific incidents I was a...

PH Sure

NB ...little perplexed about the Jacob Wetterling stuff um that um we found.

PH Well frankly I am too I don't remember it but again I had an interest in the case right from the get go and I, is there any indication there when that was recorded? Is there a date, stamp, time, timestamp?

NB Hm no

PH Ah how about I mean this isn't important either but it must have been a news bit that somebody did on it maybe as a ten year anniversary or a twenty year anniversary or even a thirty year, wait a minute, yeah it could be a thirty year couldn't it.

NB We just hit the twenty five year mark about

PH Okay well then I'm wrong on that part. But my point is it, it could have been just a special that some news organization ran.

NB Um-hm.

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PH And ah that, that's the only thing I can think of. I, I again I'm surprised that it's even in there but

NB Well and, and you know that the, the tough part for, for us as investigators especially with cases like this like I said the homicide cases I work um and, and cases like this where there's you know a stranger abduction and the assault of a young child. Boy or girl.

PH Um-hm.

NB Those are things for those families that never go away.

PH Oh I understand that.

NB And that's why we keep pressing forward.

PH Every, every year it seems to me that there's somebody from the Wetterling family that's on the news.

NB Yeah and then and if I or somebody that I work with can, can find um the truth about those cases, these two in particular...

PH Um-hm

NB ...and we're gonna continue to work 'em until we do get there.

PH Okay.

NB Again ah and we would love nothing more than to provide answers to, to family and to...

PH Yeah

NB ...to persons that are now adults that were once kids that were victimized.

PH Yeah.

NB Um you know and,

PH And now I got now I somethin' just flashed through my head. That Cold Spring thing you were talking about is totally separate from the ah assault of the officer up there.

NB Yes.

PH Is that right? Yeah.

NB Yes. Yep and you have obviously that was just a couple years ago are you talking about the...

PH (inaudible)

NB ...the homi, the murder.

PH Yeah, yeah.

NB Yeah.

PH Ambush if you will of the (inaudible)

NB (inaudible)

PH That's the way the public and me being part of the public perceives it...

NB Yeah

PH ...anyway yeah

NB Yeah absolutely. Yes this Cold Spring incident is, is in the range of the Wetterling case.

PH Oh.

NB Involved a young man there. Um and there's like I said you know I just I didn't look at Pete Hoagland and say whoa that's our guy. I looked at the nature of what's been alleged here.

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PH Um-hm

NB In this investigation along with other evidence from that case back in '89.

PH Um-hm

NB And that's why I sat down to talk with you today. Um and that's why I ask you, you know if there's anything that's going to come up in the course of this investigation that's gonna tie you into any of these other ones.

PH No.

NB Whether it be DNA or evidence in your house or anything.

PH I would say not a snowballs chance.

NB Okay. Absolutely not?

PH Yeah right.

NB If it were ever presented to you by me or one of my partners would you be willing to take a polygraph examination?

PH Well I was telling Kris I, I'm not a real fan of polygraphs I've seen them go awry too many times.

NB Um-hm.

PH And

NB No ones here to jamb you up I, I'm just asking...

PH (inaudible)

NB ...I'm not saying we're scheduling something

PH And, and I, ahh I'm not real thrilled with the idea because I've seen too many problems um problems ah call them errors maybe.

NB Okay.

PH Ah

NB It wouldn't be ah well I guess what I'm, we'll leave, leave Kris and his case out of it...

PH Yeah

NB ...for a second.

PH Yeah.

NB Let me talk to you about my things.

PH Um-hm.

NB Um would you be willing to on a case or two that I've got? If and if so (inaudible)

PH (inaudible) I would consider it I can't just leap on the...

NB What would be your...

PH ...but and say...

NB ...reason for saying no?

PH Cuz I don't have any faith in the darn things (laugh)

NB Okay. No it, it isn't...

PH I mean it, it's the same fluky thing that could bite me in the butt if my DNA came up somewhere. But, but otherwise...

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NB Well it's probably a little difference between your ah DNA and a failed polygraph

PH Oh yeah, oh yeah

NB But I mean if, if your DNA comes up then we've got some issues.

PH Yeah no shit. And that's why I say it's just my, luck (laugh)

NB Well what I, I guess what I'd like to do...

PH But I don't, I don't expect any chance.

NB And that's, a little concerning to me Pete I gotta be honest with ya um if someone were to ask me is your DNA gonna be present on a cold case assault of a, of a, of anybody...

PH Um-hm

NB ...for that matter

PH Um-hm

NB Absolutely not.

PH Yeah

NB Would be my answer.

PH Yeah

NB And

PH What did I say?

NB Well first of you all you said there's not a snowballs chance in hell.

PH Oh yeah which...

NB And (inaudible)

PH ...which is an absolutely not actually

NB It could be yeah I just ah I don't want to (inaudible)

PH You're the one splitting hairs

NB I don't want to play on words I just I hope not. Okay I hope not but I just I also hope that we've been very honest with one another here

PH Oh yeah I mean

NB I'm gonna tell you straight up what I'm doin' and I, I just look for the same from you and,

PH Um-hm no I, I-I am familiar and that's a bad choice a words with the Wetterling thing just because it was so high profile. Ah this other one you're talking about I don't know anything about that one (inaudible)

NB And I could have been more spe, have you ever, have you ever forced someone into a vehicle?

PH No, no

NB Absolutely not?

PH No way, absolutely not. Yeah.

NB Um have, have you ever ah forced someone to do something they didn't want to do? Not, not in work related not...

PH Um-hm

NB ...but sexually?

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PH No.

NB No?

PH No.

NB Okay. A minor, minor child boy or girl?

PH Eh yeah no, no.

NB Okay. I don't think I have any other questions Pete you know we didn't talk a whole lot here but if there is something that I want to clarify

PH Um-hm (inaudible)

NB Is it okay if I just call up and say hey Pete can I just ask you a couple questions?

PH That's fine.

NB Um and you know how you could reach us? Right I'm assuming...

PH Um-hm

NB ...that you (inaudible) obviously these guys we're right in this building so...

PH Yeah

NB ...if you need ah to talk with me about something I talked with you about by all means let me know.

PH Um-hm

NB And if you need to reach these guys for any reason you know how to fine 'em right?

PH That's fine, yeah.

NB You can just let somebody on the jail staff know.

PH Yep not a problem.

NB Okay. I don't think I have any other questions.

PH Alright

NB Alright I appreciate you taking time out to come down here and...

PH Oh yeah I was really busy.

NB Yeah well did we get ya from your mid afternoon nap maybe.

PH Yeah I was, I was visiting with a fellow that ah, let's see he said he's a plumber from Ohio or something

NB Okay. You're probably gonna have some interesting experiences up there.

PH He, he has got a line of stuff a mile long.

KK Um-hm

PH And you probably know who he is I don't, I don't know who he is.

KK Yeah I don't know.

PH Ah but a interesting character.

NB Well we'll get you back up there unfortunately I got a...

PH Yes

NB ...another appointment I gotta make, make here but that'll conclude this taped statement ah the time currently is 3:08 P.M.

PH Because a smart phone has so much information on it

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NB Yeah

PH Mine is not a smart phone it is, it is a el cheapo flip phone

NB Okay

PH Ahhh can't even think a Samsung probably. Biggest piece a junk I've ever, encountered used or owned.

NB Okay.

PH Terrible phone (laugh) but ah it's the way my brother and sister get a hold of me

NB Sure

PH And ah my mother usually pages me and then I have to call her back from wherever I am but ah it's sort of a vital link so ah and then and hopefully ah I can get that ah county attorney gonna release that and I can get that back tomorrow and ah hopefully go to court tomorrow and ah...

NB Sure well you've been able to make contact with people if you needed to?

PH I, I used their fifty cent a minute phone in the jail ah and I called the shop this morning to say yes I'm still alive um I'm hesitant to call my mother especially at fifty cents a minute and I, I say that in all sincerity and not to be unkind but ah, ah I don't know if I've got enough time on my, on my ah whatever the hell card it's called

NB Sure

PH Ah (laugh) to, to talk to her because her hearing is so terrible I mean mine is not good but hers is worse, worse, worse and my memory is not good but hers is the pits I mean she's in the memory care unit

NB Yeah

PH (inaudible) be fair um so it's very difficult to talk to her and a conversation that would take a you or me two minutes can take twenty minutes.

NB Sure

PH With her.

NB Yeah

PH So I'm very hesitant to call her but I almost think I have to ah so she knows that I'm still alive um...

NB Yeah (inaudible)

PH ...historically I call her every night um and she gets a little nervous when I don't the only thing this is so unkind to say it this way the only thing in my favor is her memory is so poor she can't remember if I talk to her today, yesterday or two days ago.

KK That's exactly right.

NB Yeah.

PH And that, that's really terrible and I love my mother dearly and I, I, just dread the day that she leaves us which probably will be soon but ah by the same token it is an absolute struggle, (inaudible)

NB Yeah I can believe that

PH it's just a struggle (inaudible)

NB How old is she?

PH Ah she'll be 93 what day is today? Thursday.

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NB Thursday.

PH She'll be at 93 a week from tomorrow

NB Okay. Yeah that's (inaudible)

PH (inaudible) and you know my, my dad did really well but he wasn't, his memory was lousy but he wasn't oh God I hate to say it this way, he wasn't as messed up as she is.

NB Um-hm.

PH Ah and ah at least with him you didn't have the same conversation ah two minutes apart for three or four cycles

NB Over and over and over (inaudible)

PH Yeah and, and again I love her dearly and...

NB No I...

PH ...I just...

NB ...I understand that I know (inaudible)

PH (inaudible) again but ah it's what we do.

NB Yeah it is. Well I gotta step out and somebody'll be in here just shortly to get ya so ah just remain seated.

PH Alrighty

NB Thank you Pete, alright take care

PH Alrighty good luck

NB Let us know if there's anything else that you...

PH Okay

NB Okay?

(door closes)

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BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION

TRANSCRIPT

INTERVIEW DATE:	November 2, 2015	**BCA CASE**	1989-535
OFFENSE:		**EXHIBIT #:**	56.1
INTERVIEW OF:		**INTERVIEWED BY:**	SA Brovold, Nathaniel (NB)
REVIEWED BY:	SA Brovold		

NB This is Special Agent Nathaniel Brovold, todays date is November 2, 2015, the current time is 2:00 PM. I am at the Law Enforcement Center at the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office, and also with me today is and we will be discussing ahm, incident related to BCA case 1989-535. full information is middle name of last name date of birth is a current home address is in the city of A contact phone number of is everything I stated, is that correct?

Yup.

NB Okay, and you called in to the Stearns County Sheriff's Office last week regarding the investigation Denny Heinrich which is an individual that was arrested last week. Correct?

Correct.

NB And the basis for that is that back in the 1980s and early 90s, well actually even beyond that, but during that specific time frame you lived in the City of

Yup.

NB And at what address did you live at, at that time?

It was

NB in

Yup.

NB And that was ahm, a home, a residence?

Correct.

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NB Okay, and you discussed that there was some type of residence or structure, apartment, or what type of residence was nearby where you described these incidents occurring?

Ahm, it was ahm, apartment building that was kitty corner across the ahm intersection from, from our home. That's where I, where I saw the ahm, the videotaping.

NB And do you know the name of those apartments?

Ahm it's the Apartments.

NB

Yup.

NB And you stated also that you had three other brothers, two older and one younger?

Um-hm.

NB Okay, and that ahm, you lived there with your family?

Yup.

NB And describe to me what you recall ahm that prompted you to call the Sheriff's Office regarding this case?

Ahm we were, I can remember ahm, myself, my brother and our neighbor were, were outside and there, in their front yard ahm, we were playing kick ball or baseball or something out in the front yard and ahm I can remember looking across over to the apartment building and seeing ahm, in the window someone, someone videotaping us I could, I could see their video camera. And ahm, we thought ahm, we thought it was all fun, we thought someone was recording us trying to catch us doing something stupid so we'd be on America's Funniest Home Videos or something like that.

NB Did you ever see the individual that was doing the videotaping?

No.

NB So do you know if it was a male or female?

Ahm no I don't. I couldn't tell that.

NB But putting things together ahm...

Yeah.

NB ... after last weeks, weeks incident...

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Yeah, no, I mean knowing what I know now, ahm I mean I was definitely, there was too much of a coincidence based on all the other stuff that I read, I mean in the news articles and seeing on the news and stuff it ahm, you know I hadn't, I hadn't seen any of those articles anything that specifically mentioned those Valhalla apartments, but, I, I decided to call in anyway just to, I mean it was too much of a coincidence for me to ahm, I just had to find out.

NB Absolutely. I haven't ahm, I don't have direct knowledge of the apartments but is it a multi-level apartment building?

Yes.

NB So where was, ahm if you recall at all, where was this videotaping occurring?

Ahm, second or third floor, I, I admit I remember that for sure, I was looking up at the camera, I, I couldn't tell, couldn't tell you now which exact floor it was on or even, even what room.

NB And do you recall that happening on one occasion or more than one occasion?

Ahm, I only remember it happening on, on one occasion, but I remember I had talked to my brother and he said he can remember on multiple occasions.

NB Okay and he can remember on multiple occasions that he witnessed somebody videotaping?

Yup.

NB And which brother was that?

Ahm, the oldest one,

NB okay. Ahm, you also mentioned that there was some instincts where there was a vehicle that, ahm you now look back and thought was somewhat suspicious?

Yeah we had been ahm, hanging out my, my brothers and I, and ahm, one of my, my two older brothers friends sister, whose name is ahm was over at the time and she was outside leaning against our pick nick table that we had out there and, and ahm, there was ahm, a small blue car that, that drove by really slow and creepy like I guess, is kinda the way she described it. Ahm, and it you know, slowed down, almost came to a stop and then, ahm we were you know, we'd be in the garage or whatever and we'd come out and ahm, you know so there would be more people around, and the car seemed to, to speed off. Ahm there was, I mean, we, we saw the car do this you know, two, three, four different times and every time it was the same kind of behavior. Or you know if there was like one person sitting there it would drive by really slow but then soon as other came out it would just kinda take off.

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NB Did you ever see the car?

Yes.

NB Okay, and can you describe the car to me?

Ahm, it was, it was a small blue car. Ahm you know in, in, in the news articles that I had seen online , you know from the story they, they had shown some pictures of this guy's car, the, the 1982 Ford EXP ahm and that was, when I saw those pictures in those articles that was, I mean it was, then with all the other stuff going on it was again way to much of a coincidence for you know around that time to leave for me to ahm recognize that car.

NB And you physically remember seeing this car? I know saw it, but you saw it as well?

Yup, yup.

NB Ahm, Any idea how many times you saw that car do this kind of stuff?

That's the only time I can recall. Just that, that one day.

NB And is this in close relation to the time frame where you saw the videotaping being done?

I would say for sure it's within, within just a couple of years, yeah.

NB And your best idea of when this videotaping, when, when you specifically witnessed it, any idea what year that might have been?

Ahm, you know I, I would, I would guess I was probably around the age of ten or so I might have been a little younger or I am not sure, but I would guess mid-nineties, ninety-five, ninety-four, something like that.

NB Sure. Were you ever approached by anybody ahm while living over there? Ahm that you know that you look back, made you uncomfortable, or did you ever report anything at the time or your brothers to your family or anybody else?

No, no I don't think so. You know, like I said with the videotaping we, we thought it was fun like we were going to be on TV or whatever, so. Ahm, I don't, you know with the car incident I'm not a hundred percent sure if we ever, if maybe we tried to get a license plate number or something even it was, I mean it was that weird. But I you know I can't really remember, maybe we told our parents, maybe we didn't I, I can't really recall.

NB Were your parents ever aware of the videotaping?

Not that I know of.

NB Okay, are your parents still alive?

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Yup.

NB Okay and they still reside in the same address?

Correct.

NB Okay and you've talked to them sense this incident unfolded last week?

Ahm I haven't but my younger brother has.

NB Okay, and you earlier said that your brothers would be willing to talk to me if I need to do that?

Yes.

NB Okay.

There was also ahm, we were also paper boys at the time, we had a paper route at the time so, I know in the articles and stuff, there was more mentions of newspaper delivery boys, you know set up a hidden camera, would flip coins (inaudible) whatever, and ahm, so I mean, (laughing) I would find it very hard to believe that, that wasn't us on that video.

NB Okay.

I, I know we had this ahm, I forget what it was called, but it was kind of like a supplemental thing that came with the ahm St. Cloud Times that we delivered, it was, it was once a week and ahm, I know a lot of times it was on every Wednesday we tried to put the, the fastest way to get rid of them was to go through apartment buildings and just through one in front of every door. So ahm, I'm sure we were in there, you know, maybe not me, I don't specifically recall being in there to many times but ahm like I said when I talked to my older brother last night he had said they would go in there and that's the fastest way they would get rid of them,

NB So, were all four of your brother's ahm delivery boys?

Yes.

NB Okay and you do recall, personally being, ahm doing some delivery in the Apartments?

(no audible response)

NB Okay, as well as your other three brothers?

Yup.

NB And do you ahm, know what ages you were when you were doing the paper delivery?

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I would say, you know it had to be around the same time, somewhere between, I guess I would have been somewhere between like eight and twelve you know in that, in that range.

NB Okay, and again, ahm, you don't recall, or do you recall any contact or any suspicious persons making contact with you, specifically in or around that apartment building?

No.

NB On the paper route.

Nope.

NB Remember, and, and you never encountered, encountered any one videotaping you to your knowledge while you were delivering papers?

No, not to my knowledge.

NB Okay, did you, do you recall any of these coin incidents that were described in the paper?

No, not specifically. But I mean if there was a coin laying on the floor I would like would pick it up.

NB Would pick it up, still today right?

Yeah, yeah.

NB Okay, is there anything else that I haven't asked that you think is important for me to know, and we'll have a chance to visit a little bit when I turn the tape off, but is there anything else specific to your time there in that you have direct knowledge of, that's important for me?

Ahm, I don't think so.

NB Okay.

Not that I can think of right now.

NB And that will conclude the taped statement. The time is 2:11 PM.

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BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION

TRANSCRIPT

INTERVIEW DATE:	February 3, 2016	**BCA CASE #:**	1989-535
OFFENSE:		**EXHIBIT #:**	
INTERVIEW OF:		**INTERVIEWED BY:**	SA Ken McDonald (KM)
REVIEWED BY:			

Hello this is

KM Hi my name is Ken McDonald I'm an agent with the state crime bureau in Minnesota.

Hi.

KM How are you?

(inaudible) weekends in you know I think we're about three hours time difference so I'm usually sleeping at about this hour but today I'm up.

KM Yeah I was trying to call a little bit later...

(inaudible)

KM ...here I was trying to (inaudible) anyway I have you now is, will it work now?

Sure.

KM Okay. Um it's my understanding that you want to provide some information in regards to the disappearance of Jacob Wetterling. Um before I start obviously I need to write a report on everybody I talk to. Can I get your full name please?

It's

KM And how do you spell your last name?

KM Just like it sounds, okay. What is your date of birth please?

KM And a address I can use?

KM I'm sorry I didn't cat...

KM

Yeah

KM Okay thank you. Um well what's the information you'd like to share?

Well I ah I'm an RN and ah back in when, when I was a teen I was ah sexually molested by Duane Hart and it was violent, he tied me up. And he was supplying me alcohol and you know drugs, marijuana. So ah I didn't ever tell anyone and then I ah I started working as an

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RN and I had a kids coming from a Willmar ah mental health center that reported the same, same incidents with this fella so Duane Hart. The ah kids were you know of that same age 14, 15 when it happened. And I don't have their names but I was working at the Anoka ah psychiatric ah unit for adolescents.

KM What...

At Mercy Hospital.

KM What time frame would that have been?

Hm oh '84

KM Okay.

And '85 (coughs) excuse me

KM So you were ah were you right around age 14 to 15 when he sexually assaulted you?

Yes.

KM And where was this at?

Ah in Paynesville, Minnesota.

KM How would he ah befriend you or what was his approach?

Oh it, it'd be just alcohol. You know he'd have alcohol and, and ah and he'd say we're gonna go and drink and he'd drive out into ah a country road and then he'd just overwhelm you and tie you. And, and there were other times where he would say you know I'm gonna show you a trick and he'd tie your two fingers behind your back and then he would sexually molest you do falacio on you.

KM Okay. Would you do this in a car? Would he bring you to a certain location?

Either at his apartment or it would be in his car. And it might even be outside I mean it was in the wintertime it'd be in his car or at the apartment.

KM How many times did he do this to you?

Ah, I know of more than, more than once. Twice.

KM Okay. And you said you never told anybody before?

Right. I actually back when I was working in ah the Alaska psychiatric unit in, in a Anchorage, Alaska probably I'm trying to remember, eighty, 87, 88 ah I saw a full page ad in the Paynesville press, the newspaper had done an article about any information you know that if we could call and I talked to a um an officer Berg or I forget his first name, he was working with the FBI. And I gave it, ah a testimony on the phone back then.

KM And you thought it was to an agent to FBI?

Yeah.

KM What, that was 87, 88 you said?

Yeah.

KM And they were, were they specifically looking at Hart at that time or just were they looking for...

Yes.

KM ...a suspect in the area?

They were looking at Hart.

KM Okay. So you did report it to law enforcement (inaudible)

Yeah.

KM Okay.

But in, in my ah adolescent years I didn't you know I just told a friend a, a he lives in Willmar and he had similar he had, he had the same report.

KM So he had been violated by ah Hart as well?

Yeah.

KM Okay. Do you have any information or thoughts that he did Jacob as well?

Yeah I do I, I really I, I think he's just as likely as any other pedophile but um for the area and his method yeah he, he'd be violent.

KM Okay. To your knowledge did Hart ever um I'll rephrase that were his victims ever somebody he did not know?

No not that I'm aware of. I mean I, I can't say that he was just grabbing 'em off the street I, I think in that little town he, he would you know I think he ran an arcade in Eden Valley for a while. He had access to children and he'd befriend 'em that way.

KM Okay. Aside from do you know of any other individuals that he violated that maybe we don't know about?

Um, well you know we're all, adult grown up old people now. I ah I can't think of any other names right now.

KM Okay. When you say violent can you give me an example what that would be?

Oh just that he would tie you up and ah you know just have his way with you.

KM Okay.

That he would take control in that way.

KM I certainly don't want to lead you at all but did he make any comments or, or threats?

No I don't think he ever ah I don't think he ever threatened to harm me when if I would tell anyone, not back then no not that I can, I'm not aware of any right now.

KM Okay. Do you recall what type of vehicle he was driving at that time?

It was a ah like a 1949 or 1950 ah green um I want to say a Chevy.

KM Was it a car?

Yeah car and it, a three speed on the column, shift handles.

KM Okay. Anything else happen that I'm not asking you about that you feel is important I'm missing here?

Um, no I can't, can't come up with anything else.

KM Would he ever ah take anything from you like as a souvenir? For example keep your underwear or something like that?

No. No I can't recall him doing that no.

KM Alright. Well I can't think of any more questions right now and I, I appreciate your time if I think of something in the future do you mind if I call you back?

Not at all go ahead. Please do.

KM And if ah likewise if you think of...

Yeah...

KM ...something after we hang up then ah you ah you have my number just give me a call and

Yeah I will. I'll ah definitely call you if I can come up with something else.

KM What shift do you normally work? What is a good time?

Well I'm, I'm a retired nurse now I'm, I'm at home most of the time so

KM Okay

Just early morning's I'm sleeping at, my wife works night shift yet and um so we tend to be ah going to bed at 4:00 or 5:00 in the morning. I tend to go to sleep about midnight and get up at ah 9:00. You know I get my eight, nine hours now. So, I've only been retired about a year and a half.

KM Okay. Hopefully that's going good for you.

Oh, yeah the afternoon, it is ah afternoons are best ah late morning is a good time for me.

KM And we're, we are a three hour time difference?

Yes.

KM Okay.

Three hours.

KM Alright. Well thank you and ah...

Yeah

KM ...appreciate your time.

(inaudible) yeah I appreciate your work on this keep at it and I hope it, hope it's successful for you.

KM Well thank you.

And like I say I'll (inaudible)

KM Alright thank you.

Alright bye-bye.

KM Bye.

(phone disconnects)

KM We started that call on February 3rd, 2016 at approximately 9:20 A.M., 20 A.M. The time now is 9:31 A.M. I'm Ken McDonald agent with the Minnesota BCA. It was obviously you, heard who I was speaking with. Case number is 1989-535. End of tape.

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